

## Love of Christ Community Garden Rules and Guidelines

Purpose: The purpose of the Love of Christ Community Garden is to provide an opportunity for our church community to experience God's amazing work through growing organic food, herbs and flowers. At the same time, the garden will serve as a place of, education, service and fellowship for the congregation and surrounding community.

Who are the Gardeners? A gardener is any LOC group, friend/family or member of the Love of Christ community.

How do I sign up? Pick up a Garden application at the church office or at the Love of Christ website: [loveofchristchurch.net](http://loveofchristchurch.net). Gardeners are able to rent an 8 x 4 foot garden box for a seasonal donation of \$50 to Love of Christ Lutheran Church. The growing season runs from September 1<sup>st</sup> through the end of June. Spaces are allocated on a first come first served basis. Please post your completed application to

Love of Christ Lutheran Church  
1525 N. Power Rd  
Mesa, AZ 85205.

You can include a check to Love of Christ Lutheran Church for the dues or use the donate button on the church website. Designate your donation for the LOC Garden.

### General Garden Rules:

The new gardening season and rental begins on September 1<sup>st</sup> each year. It extends through the end of June when the garden will be emptied and the automatic watering system to your garden is turned off.

Members are encouraged to participate in First Saturday morning monthly clean up events, pot lucks or celebrations. This face to face interaction facilitates sharing knowledge, garden upkeep and gardening success. Gardeners are free to plant any combination of vegetables, fruits, herbs, and flowers they choose and are free to keep and share all of the harvest from their own plots. Garden communication is by email.

The new gardener will receive a programable water timer, a shade cloth, a raised garden bed filled with organic soil, individual instruction to set up a watering system, and a planting calendar specific to the climate in Mesa. Tools and shade cloths to use on site are stored in the garden shed. Organic soil amendments, seeds, watering supplies, and replacement timers are at the expense of the individual gardener.

This is an organic garden. No treated lumber has been used in the garden construction. **Use organic fertilizer and pest control only.** Grow and water sustainably. Provisions have been made in each box to attach a shade structure. The shed storage is for all gardeners to share. Return clean tools and hoses after use. The shed and entrance gate are kept locked.

Please notify garden leadership if a plot must be left unplanted or untended for an extended period of time so it can be reassigned.

Return to LOC church office by September 1<sup>st</sup> along with garden dues.

Garden plot number \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Mobile phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and understand the Love of Christ Community Garden Guidelines

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_