

The Root 66 Community Garden

FoodShare Educational Co-op Participant Agreement

Effective Dates: January 1st – December 31st (annual)

All Ages Welcome! The FoodShare Educational Co-op is open to individuals and families who want to learn, grow, and give back to the community.

Participant Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Participation Fees

FoodShare Educational Co-op

Individuals: \$15/month or \$150/year

Families: \$25/month or \$250/year

Includes access to FoodShare plots, participation in educational agriculture activities, and the ability to take home what you help grow while contributing surplus to local food pantries.

Payments accepted online at theroot66garden.org/foodshare-co-op

Participant Commitments

1. Volunteer Hours: Contribute at least 4 hours per month toward maintaining FoodShare plots, including planting, weeding, watering, harvesting, or other approved garden projects. Participation is mandatory to remain active in the Co-op.

2. Educational Participation: Attend at least one monthly agricultural education workshop as part of the Co-op's mission to teach sustainable growing practices.

3. Food Access: Harvest what you help plant and maintain. Remaining produce will be donated to food pantries to support the community.

4. Compliance: Follow all garden policies, rules, and guidelines in this agreement and attached exhibits. Failure to comply may result in termination of participation without refund.

5. Respect & Safety: Treat all participants, volunteers, and staff with respect. Children must be supervised at all times. Personal pets are not allowed unless approved service animals.

6. Organic Practices: Only natural and organic methods may be used—no synthetic pesticides, herbicides, poisons, or chemical fertilizers are permitted.

Cancellation & Refunds

Participation may be canceled at any time by either party. All fees and donations are non-refundable.

Right to Refuse Participation

The Root 66 Garden reserves the right to refuse participation to any individual whose conduct is harmful or inconsistent with garden policies. Theft, aggression, or harassment will result in immediate removal from the program.

Dispute Resolution

All disputes must first be addressed informally. If unresolved, disputes will be submitted to binding mediation in San Bernardino County, CA. Participants waive the right to file lawsuits except to enforce a mediation agreement.

Acknowledgment

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to the terms of this FoodShare Educational Co-op Participant Agreement.

Participant Signature: _____

Date: _____

Garden Representative Signature: _____

Date: _____

Exhibit A – FoodShare Educational Co-op Guidelines

1. Plot Maintenance:

Maintain plots regularly and keep them tidy. Notify management if you cannot participate for any extended period.

2. Water Use:

Use water responsibly; turn off taps after use. Irrigation systems should follow garden guidance and schedules.

3. Respect for Others:

Do not harvest from others' plots without permission. Treat all participants, guests, and volunteers with respect.

4. Prohibited Conduct:

No violence, harassment, drug or alcohol intoxication, theft, or vandalism.

5. End of Participation:

Upon leaving the program, all personal items must be removed promptly. If not removed immediately, items will be deemed a donation to the Garden.

Exhibit B – Liability Waiver

Participation involves inherent risks including injury, illness, or property damage. By signing, participants assume all risks and release The Root 66 Garden, its staff, volunteers, and affiliates from any liability related to participation in the FoodShare Educational Co-op.

Participant Signature: _____

Date: _____