

2026 FIVE POINTS FARM Agreement

“Putting the Community Back in Community Garden”

The Five Points Farm Community Garden is one of the most unique community gardens in the country. Its location makes it ideal to connect to the heart of Atlanta, giving its most urban area an agriculture connection.

Garden Membership:

- I. **Plot Memberships** - growing and maintaining for a year - (*March to March*) \$40 large or \$30 medium.
- II. **Hybrid Membership** - \$25 - instead of maintaining an individual plot, you assist with construction or maintenance and/or help with our shared garden spaces such as our herb garden, fruit trees, and demonstration plots and share in their harvest.
- III. **Volunteer Option** - While we encourage all gardeners to financially support the farm's work through plot fees or hybrid membership, we also offer an option in lieu of the fee through a commitment of at least six designated work days (must register and document work hours through the Hands On Volunteer Five Points Farm work days www.handsonatlanta.org/

**The garden committee is the highest governing authority
at the 5 Points Community Farm.**

Rules. Terms, and Conditions for Participation

If accepted as a member, I will abide by the following rules, terms, and conditions:

1. I'm responsible for providing my own plants/seeds. (The Five Points Farm does have tools RETURN AFTER USE, soil, soil amendments, and mulch. We ask that you take part in at least one volunteer event to understand how to correctly use items and resources available in the garden. We usually have extra compost, seeds/seedlings, and wood stakes available for free).
2. I'm responsible for watering my bed. Garden membership also grants me free admission to all education events, classes, and workshops at the garden.
3. I use this garden at the sole discretion of 5 Points Community Farm. I agree to abide by its policies and practices.
4. **I will sign (attached) the AgLanta/City of Atlanta Code of Conduct**
5. I will not expand my plot beyond this measurement or into paths or other plots. I will keep all my plants within the limits of my garden plot and will not allow any plants to grow more than six feet high. I won't plant shrubs, aggressive perennials (such as mint, etc.). I must keep my plot free of weeds, pests and diseases.

6. I will keep my plot, and surrounding areas clean and neat. *(Because of our location, trash blows into and accumulates).* **I will pick up any trash around my plot. I'll place in Trash Cans.** Anything I bring from my home I will take back home. I will not bring household trash and leave it at the 5 Points Community Farm.
7. I will not plant any illegal plant. I will not smoke, use illegal drugs, or gamble in the garden. I will not come to the garden while under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs. I will not bring weapons or pets or other animals to the garden.
8. I will not plant any invasive plants in the farm. This includes but not limited to, Kudzu, St. John's Wart, Sacred Bamboo and any other plants that could harm my fellow farmers' plots.
9. Plot fees are due in full at the beginning of the season.
10. I will ensure that once I leave the Farm, I will place the lock back on the gate around all three posts. NEVER leave it unlocked, especially if it was when you entered.

I am responsible for planting, tending & harvesting my bed. I am responsible for keeping the area around my bed clear & open. What I grow is mine to use...and/or to share with others. If I do not comply with these guidelines...I will be given notice of non-compliance. If a second notice is necessary...I agree to forfeit my plot & rental fee.

(If you can no longer maintain your plot, please notify us.)

I understand that neither the garden group nor the owners of the land are responsible for my actions. I THEREFORE AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS THE FIVE POINTS FARM COMMUNITY GARDEN AND THE EXECUTIVE TEAM FOR ANY LIABILITY, DAMAGE, LOSS OR CLAIM THAT OCCURS IN CONNECTION WITH THE USE OF THE GARDEN BY ME OR ANY OF MY GUESTS.

Choose which membership type:

DATE_____

GARDEN PLOT **Large _____, Medium_____, or Hybrid/Shared_____**

Printed name _____

Phone number _____

Email _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Gardener's signature _____

5PF manager signature _____

Executive Team:

- Jim Hackler (Garden Co-Manager) 404.313-7566 5pointsgarden@gmail.com
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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/144897846108652>

Twitter: twitter.com/GardenPoints

Instagram: www.instagram.com/fivepointsgarden/

Addendum with General Garden Instructions:

- Watering
 - a. Because we're currently not connected to a water line, we have an IBC tank that the Ambassador Force fills for us (text me if it's nearing empty - 404-313-7566).
 - b. It runs on gravity, so the water pressure in the hoses is a gentle trickle. You can also detach the hose at the tank and fill the orange buckets to water instead (it's a great workout). Please turn off the water at the tank after use.
- Prohibited/Caution about Plants
 - a. Corn
 - i. The containers are not a great fit for corn - and what's been tried got horribly diseased/bug infested
 - b. Tomatoes
 - i. Of course we all want to grow tomatoes, but they're susceptible to blight. Try not to plant them in the same spot as last year (rotate crops).
- Large White Plastic Buckets (with compost painted on them)
 - a. These are scattered around the garden and by the compost/under the workbench. Use for just plant material (weeds, old plants). We'll periodically pick up.
- Lock/Safety
 - a. There is a combination lock at the gate (you'll get the code when you join). Make sure you pull the chain tight then you relock (we've had people squeeze through when left loose).
 - b. For safety reasons, you may lock the gate behind you when you enter the garden.
 - c. APD is often parked in front of the gate during the day - we encourage them to (if you need to drive into the garden, they're happy to move).

- Garden Tools
 - a. Large tools
 - i. Use as needed, but return them (don't leave them in your plot)
 - b. Smaller hand tools
 - i. We have them in the wooden cabinet - but please return.
- Garden Materials
 - a. Wire cages (help yourself)
 - b. Mulch (either add or if your bed currently has mulch and you want to remove it - please put it in one of the large black plastic tubs - don't throw away)
 - c. Compost
 - i. The big yellow cube (help yourself - but re-tie the top so water doesn't get in)
 - ii. We're creating a Zero Waste Zone in front of the garden that will provide us a steady supply of compost. You can also add your own kitchen scraps to it (SCAD students are creating signage to help guide the process). Please refer to the signs for which one to put fresh food waste,
 - d. White with painting buckets (we have around a dozen on little wheel carts).
 - i. To throw your weeding, pruning and dead plants into. Just leave one by or near your bed and we'll pick them up periodically for composting (don't mix trash with dead plant material)
 - e. Green metal twine - only a small amount needs to be used to twist around plants - don't tie in knots. PLEASE reclaim at end of season (can be reused) - DO NOT throw in compost.
 - f. Wooden stakes at back (reclaimed from dead crape myrtles). Make great stakes for tomatoes and peppers.
- Group Gardening
 - a. We'll be assigning garden members into groups with beds close to each other. The idea is that you can share watering, what you're growing, and keep an eye and help each other with your plots.

- Shared Beds
 - a. The medium and small plots in the middle and along the edge of the fence are for starter plants and garden experiments.
 - b. To share in the bounty of the shared beds, you need to share in their upkeep. Become a hybrid member to help maintain them.
 - c. Ask before harvesting in shared beds - never cut a plant to its base, or cut a big chunk out of it (especially herbs). If done correctly, you're helping prune the plant to grow more (and you can't tell it was harvested).

- Social
 - a. We're a community, and we encourage you to enjoy the space beyond just growing food. We'll post for casual member gatherings like Wine Down Wednesdays - but you're welcome to hang out on your own.

A few things to keep in mind:

Please be inclusive - we've got a great group of gardeners this year so if one drops in who you haven't met - make them feel comfortable to join you. We're all members of the garden, equally sharing in the garden space.

 - b. Be discreet and considerate, especially if you're bringing drinks.
 - c. Set up and clean up afterwards.
 - d. Shoot me or Jess an email just as a heads up - it lets us know who to contact if there are any problems/concerns.

Please don't hesitate to ask questions - and we'll update this document as well as the facebook/Instagram group throughout the season.