



THE ACADIA COMMUNITY FARM (ACF) PLOT HOLDER AGREEMENT

The Acadia Community Farm Plot Holder Agreement has been developed to ensure healthy, safe, and enjoyable working conditions for the people involved in the operations and programs of the Acadia Farm, as well as for the protection of the environment, equipment, and food systems. Your information is only for use by the Acadia Farm and will be kept private.

INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Are you over 18? (Please circle answer) YES/ NO If not, what is your age? _____ (under 16 must be accompanied by an adult)

EMERGENCIES: In the case of an emergency, please list an emergency contact:

Name _____ Relationship: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Address: _____

ALLERGIES AND MEDICAL CONDITIONS

Please list any allergies, medical conditions or medication(s) we should be aware of in case of emergency:

BEHAVIOUR

All gardeners, volunteers and visitors are required to adhere to the health and safety policy and other relevant campus policies. Those involved with the Acadia Farm are expected to behave in a respectful, professional, and positive manner.

FARM SEASON

The farm is open from May to October each year. Gardeners are permitted on site from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm daily during the season.

PLOT ASSIGNMENT

Plots are assigned at the discretion of the Acadia Farm. Returning plot holders may request the same plot as the previous season and we will attempt to accommodate these requests. Plot holders may request a single, half, or double plot available as space permits. Full plot sizes are about 12' x 20'. Half plots are 6' x 20'.

EXPIRY

To ensure that the community garden is used to its full potential, there is a 2 week expiry date for all plots. This means that if your plot is not tended within 2 weeks after Victoria Day it may be forfeited and assigned to an individual on the waiting list. If there are extenuating circumstances preventing you from tending your plot, please let us know.

PLOT MANAGEMENT

The plots are tilled in spring if necessary. Plots are to be used for annual vegetables or edible flowers only. Plants such as chives and mint are invasive, please do not plant these. Please do not plant trees or shrubs as they are difficult to move if we need to till. By October 31st, please remove any materials remaining in your plot (landscape cloth, stakes, tomato cages, pots etc.) Avoid using rocks or bricks as they can damage the tiller.

COMMUNITY SERVICE & VOLUNTEERING

In addition to operating the community garden and coordinating education programs, the ACF, with the help of its community gardeners, also grows food for the Acadia Dining Hall and local food bank. We do not charge for plots so that the garden is accessible for all. Instead, we ask for volunteer time in exchange for your plot. Plot holders are asked to volunteer for 6 hours at your convenience during the season to assist with the university and food bank plots. This way we also get to know each other better, share in the satisfaction of seeing our communal garden grow and give back to the community.

CHILDREN AND PETS

Children and pets are welcome provided they are always under your care and control. Plot holders are solely responsible for their safety.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK

By signing below, I understand that outdoor activity can be hazardous, and use of the farm tools and related equipment involve a risk of injury to any and all parts of my body. I hereby agree to freely and expressly assume and accept all risks, dangers and hazards, and the possibility of personal injury, death, property damage and loss resulting therefrom. I understand that protective equipment such as gloves and boots are recommended, but they do not eliminate the risk and may not reduce the risk of injury in the event of an accident.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

In consideration of participation in farm activities, I agree as follows:

TO WAIVE ANY AND ALL CLAIMS that I have or may in the future have against ACADIA UNIVERSITY, its directors, officers, employees, volunteers, agents, representatives, successors and assigns (hereinafter collectively referred to as "THE RELEASEES"), and TO RELEASE THE RELEASEES jointly and severally, of and from any and all liability for any losses, damages, expenses and claims arising out of or in connection with injury (including death) or damage to property that I may suffer, or that my next of kin may suffer as a result of my participation in the Acadia Farm program due to any cause whatsoever INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE, BREACH OF CONTRACT, OR BREACH OF ANY STATUTORY OR OTHER DUTY OF CARE.

TO HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFY THE RELEASEES from any and all liability for any loss, expenses, damages, demands and claims arising out of or in connection with injuries (including death) or damages to any and all persons and to any and all property, in any way sustained or alleged to have been sustained as a result of activities relating to the Acadia Farm. This agreement shall be effective and binding upon my heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators, and representatives, in the event of my death or incapacity. This Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted solely in accordance with the laws of Nova Scotia.

Please sign below in recognition of these terms and conditions.

PRINT NAME: _____ SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

The Acadia Community Farm thanks you for your cooperation. Happy gardening!