**Academic Research Community Garden Purpose**
FAU recognizes academic research community gardens as providing valuable educational opportunities that contribute to developing a sense of community, environmental awareness, civic engagement and sustainable living. FAU will collaborate with faculty, staff, students, alumni, and invited community partners in the development of academic research community gardens on its various campuses, which will serve as living-learning laboratories and become part of an integrated and sustainable landscape for the university.

**Definitions**
“Faculty Gardener” is the faculty member who will oversee operations and management of the FAU Academic Research Community Garden.
“Garden” refers to the Academic Research Community Garden.
“Users” refers to FAU employees, students, alum, and/or invited community partners.

**General Guidelines**
1. The primary function of the Garden is to serve in the capacity of academic research and academic service-learning.
2. At the discretion of the Faculty Gardener and based on availability, plots may be available to users for garden academic research activities. A request may be submitted to the Faculty Gardener for review and approval.
3. At the discretion of the Faculty Gardener, users may have their plot privileges rescinded should their plot not be maintained according to the Guidelines outlined in this document.
4. All users are required to review and sign the Academic Research Community Garden Guidelines to acknowledge he/she understands all guidelines.
5. All communication to users will be through the email addresses of the users.
6. Anyone on the garden grounds must have a valid Owl Card, be accompanied by an FAU staff or student with a valid Owl Card, or be with the Faculty gardener.
7. Gardeners under the age of 18 must have parent/guardian authorization on the application/waiver.
8. All children under the age of 18 must be supervised, with an exception given to 17-year-old full time FAU enrolled students.
9. Garden hours are sunrise to sunset.
10. No synthetic pesticides are allowed.
11. One hundred percent (100%) of the produce harvested from each plot is to be donated to Boca Helping Hands. Boca Helping Hands, located at 1500 NW 1st Court, Boca Raton, FL 33432. to break the cycle of dependence (http://www.bocahelpinghands.org/home). They are located less than 2 miles from campus at 1500 NW 1st Court, Boca Raton, FL 33432.
12. No produce from the garden may be sold.
13. Please contact the Weppner Center for LEAD & Service-Learning at 561-297-3607 to discuss ADA accommodations.

**Maintenance Guidelines**
14. The Faculty Gardener will be responsible for the oversight of maintenance for the garden. This includes but is not limited to removal of litter, weeding, and general concern for the overall appearance.
15. The Faculty Gardener will be responsible for the oversight of harvesting the crops in a timely fashion. All crops are subject to picking if they become ripe, over-ripe or rotten. Ripe and over-ripe crops will be donated to Boca Helping Hands.
16. At the end of the gardening season, all dead plants and non-plant materials (string, wire, wood, metal, plastic, etc.) must be removed and disposed of properly.
17. If the Faculty Gardener is to be away for an extended period of time, the Faculty Gardener is responsible for ensuring that someone else will be maintaining the plot and common area while they are gone unless other arrangements have been made with the Weppner Center for LEAD & Service-Learning.
18. The Faculty Gardener and users are responsible for all of their personal equipment or items brought into the garden. Florida Atlantic University assumes no liability for personal items left in the garden.
19. Users are not to apply anything to any of the plots without their expressed consent of the Faculty Gardener
20. If manual watering is used, hoses should be returned to the holder when finished. If timed watering is used, periodic testing of timers to ensure proper functioning should occur.
21. Place all garbage in garbage cans or recycling bins.

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Summer Planting
22. Plots that will not have any summer planting are required to have all of its plants removed and the plot covered by the first day of Summer Term 1 to reduce the weed/grass growth (example coverings are tarp, plywood, plastic).

Other Guidelines
23. Planting illegal plants is prohibited. This violation will result in termination of gardening privileges and students shall be referred to the Dean of Students. Faculty, staff, alumni, and invited community partners will lose their gardening privileges.
24. Smoking, E-cigarettes, chewing tobacco, pets, drugs, alcohol, radios, power tools, and fires are prohibited.
25. Garden users and garden attendees shall not exhibit inflammatory or belligerent behavior/actions while at or near the garden site.
26. Report theft, vandalism and unusual activities to the police immediately at 561-297-3500 and notify the Weppner Center for LEAD & Service-Learning.
27. Use common courtesy, be considerate of your gardening neighbors and ENJOY.

Waiver & Release of Liability
28. For myself and my estate, heirs, administrators, executors, and assigns, I hereby release and hold harmless the State of Florida, the Florida Atlantic University Board of Trustees, and their officers, directors, employees, representatives, agents, recognized student organizations and volunteers (collectively, the “Releasees”), from any and all liability and responsibility whatsoever, however caused, for any and all damages, claims, or causes of action that I, my estate, heirs, administrators, executors, or assigns may have for any loss, illness, personal injury, death, or property damage arising out of, connected with, or in any manner pertaining to my involvement in the FAU community gardens, whether caused by the negligence of Releasees or otherwise.
29. I freely accept and assume all risks and hazards that may arise from my activities and I agree to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees from any claims, loss, liability, damage, or costs, including court costs and attorney fees, that Releasees may incur as a proximate result of any act or omission on my part.
30. I understand that Releasees may record and/or photograph me with a camera or other photographic, recording or electronic medium and consent to the use, publication or display of any such recordings for any promotional or educational purpose. I waive all claims for compensation, liability or damage relating to any such use.

I agree to all of the above Florida Atlantic University Academic Research Community Garden Guidelines and agree that the above guidelines may be modified at any time.

Select one: ___FAU Student ___FAU Faculty ___FAU Staff ___FAU Alum ___Community member

Name (Print): ____________________________________________________________

Telephone Number: ___________________________________________________

FAU Email Address: __________________________ Email Address (non-FAU User):________________________

Signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

Parent/Guardian Signature (if Licensee/Gardener is under 18 years of age):

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