



## BABCOCK RANCH

# Community Garden Registration & Rental Agreement

### Introduction

The community garden provides many benefits to the residents of Babcock Ranch, including: encouraging families to grow and eat fresh and nutritious locally grown produce, strengthening community relationships, creating educational opportunities, and providing informal recreational and therapeutic activities. The intent of this policy is to provide a framework for the development, operation, and support of community gardens developed on the association owned property.

Babcock Ranch Residential Association manages The Community Garden. The residents of Babcock Ranch report to the Board of Directors.

### Eligibility/Hours of Operation:

The Community Garden is available to homeowners or an authorized tenant of a homeowner of the Babcock Ranch Residential Homeowners Association and is open from sunrise to sunset each day for your gardening pleasure.

### Rental Fees:

Registration for a garden plot is available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Each plot may be reserved for an annual \$100 Wooden Bed/\$50 Corrugated Steel Bins. No half plots. Full plots only.

**Wooden Bed Dimensions:** 12" high, 189" long and 50" wide

**Metal Bed Dimensions:** 21" high, 68" long and 24" wide

Growing Season is year round. Payment is due at the time of registration. In the event plots are not available, a waitlist will begin. Payment is made online and due at the time of registration.

Rental fee includes use of the garden, tool shed, and the rented container. General upkeep of the infrastructure of the community garden: mulch laying two times per year, repair and maintenance of any essential equipment (irrigation equipment, water, fencing, etc.), and any other miscellaneous repairs to the infrastructure of the community garden. Water supply is also included in the yearly rental fee.

Rental Fee DOES NOT include crops, plants, soil, individual gardening tools, and containers to transport materials to and from garden.

## Management of Community Garden

The HOA Lifestyle Team and Maintenance Team will maintain the garden.

The Lifestyle Team will organize and schedule Community Garden events as needed to assist residents in effectively managing their plot, as well as to advertise, and promote the Community Garden to the residents of Babcock Ranch.

Garden clean up days will be twice per year. This will assist with the general housekeeping of the garden, as well as cleaning, and repairing any gardening equipment and materials. There will also be community garden events with occasional professional speakers and informational talks available to all community garden renters.

### **Garden Clean Up Dates 2023:**

- Saturday, March 18, 9:00 am – 11:00 am
- Saturday, August 19, 9:00 am – 11:00 am

### **Community Garden 2023 Event Dates:**

- Monday, December 19, 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
- Monday, March 6, 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
- Monday, June 12, 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
- Monday, August 14, 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

### **Community Garden Contact:**

- Ally Dotson, HOA Lifestyle Associate
- 352-901-2680
- adotson@ccmcnet.com

## Garden Rules:

- Tools will be available for use during the regularly scheduled work time each week. A limited number of tools, hoses, and watering equipment will be available in the community garden and tool shed (gloves, pruning shears, trowels, and hand rake). PLEASE MAKE SURE TO LOCK THE TOOL SHED WHEN DONE. **Code: 7191**
- Gardeners are responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of their garden plot. Gardeners must maintain their garden on average a minimum of once a week including planting, watering, weeding, and harvesting. Weeds must be maintained in the bed and the areas immediately surrounding the bed.
- Gardeners are responsible for assisting in the maintaining of the common area within the community gardens, including any compost bins and the tool shed.
- Absolutely NO application of herbicides (weed killers) allowed in the community garden.
- Planting is restricted to edible vegetables, flowers, herbs and fruit only. NO Landscaping plants or trees in the community garden.
- NO smoking inside the gardening area. Only in designated areas at Babcock Ranch Residential Community.
- NO moving identification cards for gardening plots.

- NO pets inside the gardening area.
- Excessive noise and additional music sources must be at a level, which does not disturb neighboring homeowners, the adjacent business and the public.
- Removing crops or tampering with other plots not assigned to your household is considered stealing and will be treated as other criminal activity.
- Designed as a family activity, it is required that no children under the age of 12 be allowed into the gardening area without adult supervision.
- In case of an emergency while working in the gardening area, please contact 911.

### **Gardner Responsibilities**

I may plant vegetables, fruits and flowers; I will not plant any illegal plant. Additionally, if an item is listed on the “do not grow” list. I agree not to grow these items in my plot. I agree to keep my plot free of weeds, pests and diseases.

I agree to keep my plot free of weeds, pests and diseases. I will not apply any pesticides in the garden without the approval of the Garden Managers – Lifestyle Team. I will only use organic or natural insecticides, pesticides, herbicides, weed killers, fungicides, or weed repellants.

I agree to maintain, manage my plot as per the standards of the agreement.

### **Growing Season/Rental Length: September 1, 2022 – August 31, 2023**

**Gardeners are responsible for removing all plant material, stakes, etc. leaving only dirt behind, from their garden plot at the end of the growing season. The Association year round will provide trash bins, so that gardeners can clean out their plots. Gardeners who do not clean out their garden at the end of the growing season will be charged a \$50 fee for the removal of plant material from their garden plot and will not be invited to use the garden the following growing season.**

**All plots will be inspected once a month. A notice will be sent out a week in advance. Gardeners of plots that have not been planted or do not meet the guidelines will receive notification of the issue and proposed resolution. Failure to respond within 10 days will result in forfeiture of the plot and rental fee (\$50).**

### **Cancellations:**

In order to ensure all residents have an opportunity to enjoy the garden, all participants who no longer wish to participate are required to provide a minimum of two weeks notification to withdraw from the program.

### **Release and Indemnification:**

Babcock Ranch Residential Association participants agree to bear sole and complete responsibility for, and hereby release, forever discharge and agree to indemnify and hold harmless Babcock Ranch Homeowners Association, its officers, directors, agents, and representatives from and against: a)

personal injuries to myself or my guest or my invitees which arise during the use of the HOA amenities (i.e. the garden plots) under the terms of this agreement; b) for any personal property or articles lost, damaged or stolen during the use of this HOA amenity under the terms of this agreement; and c) any and all damages to HOA Amenities, including its contents and furnishings.

**ACCEPTANCE**

The undersigned acknowledges, and agrees to, the items detailed above and as evidenced by my signature below, the Registration Agreement is hereby approved and considered to be legally binding.

I have read and agree to all contractual terms above. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Homeowner's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print)

Homeowner's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_