Butte Environmental Council’s
OAK WAY COMMUNITY GARDEN PLOT RENEWAL FORM
2023-2024 Garden Year (March 1, 2023-February 28, 2024)

Renewal Deadline is March 1, 2023 to guarantee your plot.
Call the BEC office at (530)891-6424 if you have any questions. Return this form by either:
1. Email to steward@becnet.org,
2. Mail to the BEC office at Butte Environmental Council, 313 Walnut Street #140, Chico CA 95928,
3. Visit the BEC office and drop the form in the black mail slot on the door, OR
4. Schedule an office visit by calling (530)891-6424 and we will provide you the form to fill out.

Applicant Information

Primary Gardener Name: ____________________________ Date: ____________________________
Mailing Address: __________________________________________________________________________
Phone: ____________________________ Email (write legibly): ____________________________

Additional Gardeners and Minors

Names: ____________________________ Date: ____________________________
Phone: ____________________________ Email: __________________________________________________________________________
Emergency Contact Name: ____________________________ Phone: ____________________________

Request for Repairs

Please report any repairs that need attention at your plot this year:

Plot Fees and Assignments

Please mark which plots you are wanting to renew here ____________________________, and submit this form with a check made out to Butte Environmental Council, or pay online at www.becnet.org/plant-a-garden.

Plots are approximately 50 cents per square foot for the entire year, which covers the cost of the water bill.

Until March 1st, you can only renew the plot(s) you already have. If you would like to have a different or additional plot, please call to be added on the waitlist.
Garden Rules and Agreements for the Oak Way Community Garden

The Community Garden Rules and Agreements are intended to allow all gardeners the freedom to tend to their garden plot in an undisturbed and peaceful fashion. We, the Board of Directors of the Butte Environmental Council, wish for all garden members to gain the potential benefits from their allotment.

INTRODUCTION

Garden rules and regulations are administered by the BEC Garden Committee and BEC Garden Coordinator. If any gardener suspects foul play from another gardener or external entity, it is their responsibility to notify the BEC office at (530) 891-6424. Any conflict regarding the written rules and agreements will be managed first by the Garden Coordinator, the Garden Committee, and ultimately the BEC Board of Directors. Non-compliance with the rules, terms, and conditions is cause for exclusion from the garden and loss of your lease.

1. You will receive one verbal warning from the Garden Coordinator.

2. If no response or correction has been made, you will receive written notice two weeks later.

3. In another two weeks, if no response or correction has been made, you will receive written final notification from the Garden Committee that you have forfeited your gardening privileges and plot.

4. You will be allowed to reapply for another garden plot only after one year, and only at the discretion of the Garden Committee.

RULES

As a member of the garden I,______________________________, agree to abide by the following rules and agreements.

1. The Lease Fee is due by March 1st of each year.

2. Once I have been assigned a plot, I will cultivate and plant it within two weeks. I will garden throughout the growing season. My plot cannot be left fallow or unused for any period of three weeks or longer, without notifying the Garden Coordinator. If I am unable to tend to my plot for any period of three weeks of longer, I will notify the Garden Coordinator immediately with an explanation for the inactivity.

3. I understand that my plot must be cleared of vegetation when I vacate my garden plot. If my plot is not cleared of debris when I leave, my cleaning deposit will be forfeited.

4. I am responsible for keeping my plot free of noxious weeds, pests and diseases. I am also responsible for keeping the path around my plot accessible by others. I will not expand my plot beyond my plot boundaries and will keep all my plants and supplies within the limits of my garden plot. This includes not growing anything outside the bounds of my plot, i.e. along or on the garden fence.

5. I will not grow plants or erect structures that shade adjacent plots.

6. Activities at the Gardens are strictly limited to “basic gardening activities” or “small group meetings”. Any plans for activities above and beyond this, such as events, workshops, facility modifications or use of mechanized equipment, must first be approved by the BEC Garden Coordinator in writing as these activities may be outside the scope of BEC’s agreement with the City of Chico or may require special event insurance coverage.

7. I will not leave trash in the garden. Anything I bring from home will return with me. All organic matter is
expected to be placed in the appropriate compost area.

8. I will only use only organic pesticides, herbicides, and fungicides in the garden.

9. I will use water conservatively, using no more than the necessary amount to cultivate the crops in my personal plot. I will not water outside my plot boundaries. I understand I may be fined for excessive water use. Gardeners are encouraged to install drip irrigation on timers to better manage watering schedules and reduce water use. Excessive water use (run-off, standing water, soggy soil, etc.) is contrary to the Butte Environmental Council’s long-standing commitment to water conservation, and if left unaddressed, will result in termination of the garden lease.

10. I will make sure my dog is on a leash and supervised at all times. Any excrement is to be promptly and properly disposed of.

11. I will not cultivate marijuana in my plot.

12. I will not smoke in the garden perimeters.

13. I will not take any crops other than the ones I have planted in my personal plot. I will not take anything (tools, carts, etc.) from the garden that does not belong to me without appropriate consent from the garden coordinator.

14. Crops may be shared with friends and family, but I will not sell the crops grow in the community garden.

15. Gardeners are invited to participate in the garden committee and attend monthly garden committee meetings.

16. I understand that Garden Work Days take place in February, May, and October, and I am expected to attend in order to help take care of the shared areas in the garden. If I cannot make it, I will notify the Garden Coordinator.

17. I will respect other gardeners, and I will not use abusive, profane or discriminatory language against others. I understand that threatening or violent language may result in immediate expulsion from the garden.

18. I will work to keep the garden a secure and enjoyable place where all participants can garden and socialize peacefully in a neighborly manner.

COMMITMENT

I have read and understand the application and accept these rules, terms, and conditions stated above for the participation in the Oak Way Community Garden.

Signed: _________________________________ Date: ___________

Or, witnessed if required: _________________________________ Date: ___________
BEC Community Garden Liability Waiver

I, ________________________________________________, (print full name), am a participant in the Oak Way Community Garden, a project of the Butte Environmental Council. As a condition of being allowed to participate in the Community Garden, I agree to the following:

I have received, reviewed, understand and agree to abide by the policies relative to use of the BEC Community Gardens and understand that use of the BEC Community Gardens may be denied if policies or rules are not followed.

I understand that my use of the BEC Community Garden is voluntary and I do so at my own risk. I understand that neither the garden group nor owners of the land are responsible for my actions.

I understand that gardening is a potentially hazardous activity and hereby agree to expressly assume and accept all risks associated with gardening and the use of the BEC Community Garden, including, but not limited to, those caused by terrain, facilities, soil conditions, temperature, physical exertion, insect/rodent exposure, chemical exposure and actions of other people, and assume any expenses and liabilities I incur in the event of an accident, illness or other incapacity. If I have had any questions about the BEC Community Garden, its nature, risks or hazards, I have contacted the program manager and discussed those questions with him or her to my satisfaction.

As consideration for being allowed to use BEC Community Garden, I hereby agree that I, and my assignees, heirs, guardians, and legal representatives waive, release, and forever discharge Butte Environmental Council, the BEC Garden Committee, the General Manager, volunteers, other gardeners, and the cooperating landowner (the City of Chico), each of its officers, agents, employees, representative, and all others from any and all responsibilities or liability for injuries (including death), damages or loss including claims or causes of action, including those caused by the negligent acts or omissions of any of those mentioned, resulting from my use of the Oak Way or in any activities connected with the community gardens.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS AGREEMENT AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS.
I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY, AND SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

**Name & Signature of Adult Participant:**

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*If more than four adult gardeners are involved in your plot, please have additional gardeners sign on another waiver form.

If participant is under 18 years of age, parent or guardian must read and sign the following:
This release, its significance, and assumption of risk have been explained to and are understood by the minor.

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