GROW Gardener Pledge

- All GROW sites are public spaces and must remain tidy. Gardeners must weed boxes by June 1. Failure to plant and look after your box may result in reassignment. (Gardener will be contacted and given one week to tend to their garden. Reassignment occurs if no action is taken.)

- GROW is built on a goal of growing organic food. In greenhouses, use only products (seeds, plants, soils, etc.) supplied by AWARE. In outdoor boxes, only organic, non-GMO seeds are to be used. The use of chemical fertilizers, pesticides, weed repellents and plastic mulches are prohibited.

- Bear attractants are to be kept out GROW boxes at all times. This means - no corn, fruit trees, berries, pumpkins, fish fertilizer, bone meal, blood meal or chicken manure (visit www.bearsmart.com/live/managing-attractants/ for more info).

- Compost all organic garden material (weeds, pruning offcuts, etc.) in the compost bins on site. Food scraps are prohibited. (Note: Failure to clear your box at end of season may result in dismissal from the program the following year.)

- Keep plants from growing into walkways or other plots. (Crowding/shading plants may be trimmed without warning.)

- Pack out all garbage. Under no circumstance shall garbage be left on site. Pets are to be kept on leash or tied up at a designated hitching post.

- Please no smoking in the garden areas at any time. Smokers, please wash your hands before gardening to limit the spread of the tobacco virus - deadly to tomato plants.

- No fire on site(s) at any time (enclosed / camp stove / other).

- Each gardener commits to participate in the success of this program by volunteering a minimum of 4 hours/season. Come to two Worker Bee Wednesdays or any of the advertised volunteer gatherings to gain your hours. (Volunteer hours can be completed at any GROW site.)

- Gardeners unable to commit to their community hours will be required to pay a $20 GROW maintenance fee at checkout or such person(s) will not be permitted a space in the GROW program the following year.