## Beginners Guide to Allotment Gardening

Dear garden friend,

Congratulations on taking over your allotment garden! Now you belong to the Community of the allotment holders. For us allotment gardeners, the "you" is a common language.

We have the following rules in our garden community, which facilitate mutual relations between people and prevent disorder. Compliance with these rules will save you from unnecessary trouble and problems.

We therefore ask you to observe the following information:

Please read the statutes and the garden regulations carefully. They have legal force and are binding for all members. If you do not understand something, the managing board will be happy to explain it to you.

Have you already signed a lease agreement with our association? If the holders of garden are spouses, the lease agreement must be signed by both. Please let the managing board know, if you change your home address or phone number.

The rest times according to the garden regulations are to be observed in the sense of good coexistence. Therefore, no loud music should be played or the lawn should not be mowed at this time. If you want to start a party, you should inform your neighbors and try to keep noise pollution as low as possible.

We maintained our garden community together. You will be also involved in this work. In such a way you can also get to know the other garden friends.

You are responsible for care of the lawn in front of your garden.

A compost heap (better two) belongs to every garden for rotting garden waste.

Any construction changes in your garden (expanding or rebuilding a garden house, erection of a greenhouse, expanding a terrace, construction of a pergola, etc.) require the prior written application, if necessary with a construction drawing, and the approval of the board. Forms for this application are available from the managing board.

Any break-ins (damage caused by vandalism) must be reported directly to the managing board. The police must always be informed.

Earthworks in the garden should be carried out very carefully! Power cables and water pipes are laid under your garden. Ask for the information about location of these lines.

Water meters should be removed after an annual check and before the first frost.

Participation in meetings of gardening members and other cooperative events (Summer Festival, Thanksgiving, etc.), as well as in city management consultations, should be taken for granted by every gardener. Pay attention to the ads!

Take part in gardening and you can enjoy your garden for a long time.

Your managing board