

Waterloo Region Community Garden Council  
Volunteer and Participant Consent Agreement

The Waterloo Region Community Garden Council and its volunteer gardeners assist the community to flourish by planning, organizing, and working with people to provide community gardens for the public. Through this, we can become healthier, more community-focused individuals with common shared goals for food security in the urban environment.

All participants must adhere to the Community Garden Council rules, wear personal protective equipment (as recommended below), and be informed of the elements of risk prior to participating in any Community Garden activity or project.

Recommended Personal Protective Equipment (according to the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety):

- Closed toe footwear
- Appropriate outwear for exposure to the elements (such as long pants, ear protection, eye protection, hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, bug repellent; all as required, and safety vests (if working near roadways))
- Appropriate gloves for working in conditions as required
- Appropriate tools to eliminate risk during specified tasks

Preventing injury is the Council's goal for safe enjoyment of the gardens. In consideration for the Waterloo Region Community Garden Council allowing me to participate in this community garden project, I fully understand and agree to the following:

**Assumption of Risk:** Participating in this project at any time may involve personal risk of damage, or injury and I agree to assume all such risk and release the Waterloo Region Community Garden Council, affiliated bodies, employees, agents, fellow sponsored participant, and landlord/tenant from all claims for damage or injury (including death) to myself or child, all risk of damage to or loss of its equipment, garden, and losses of anything grown at the community garden that might result from participation in the activity or project.

**Supervision:** The consenting adult volunteer must supervise participants under the age of 18 during this activity/project and is the sole responsibility of the parent/guardian as indicated by their signature below

**Safety Guidelines:** I understand and agree to comply with the personal protective equipment required (as outlined above) and proper use of acceptable tools for the task at hand for this activity or project, as indicated by the Community Garden Coordinator

**Rules/Code of Conduct:** Each garden is encouraged to create their own rules and code of conduct, and the following suggestions are subject to change.

Generally, the gardener understands and agrees to these suggestions:

1. Only fruits, herbs, flowers and/or vegetables may be grown on a non-commercial basis
2. No illegal crops shall be grown
3. Garden plots are open to the public as decided by the individual
4. Enlarging garden plots is not permitted
5. Garden tools supplied by the garden must be kept in good condition

6. Seeds/plants are supplied by the gardener
7. Pets are not allowed to roam free
8. Organic gardening practices and standards are to be practiced
9. Use of the community garden is only from dawn until dusk
10. Water provided at the community garden is non-potable and is only for plant use
11. Garden plots not planted by June 15 may be reassigned to other gardeners
12. Pathways between garden plots are not to be planted in. Each gardener is responsible for keeping one half of the pathway adjoining the garden plots clear of weeds
13. The gardener shall leave the community garden, including the garden plot, in a tidy condition at all times, including grass cutting, trimming and weeding, and make all arrangements for waste management and disposal
14. Organic waste material may be composted in designated areas at the community garden. All other waste must be taken from the community garden by the gardener
15. Gardeners are asked to stay within the community garden area as identified by the landowner
16. Do not remove number plates or stakes if present at the community garden
17. Good housekeeping practices must be met during the season in the communal area and upkeep of individual plots, and gardeners are expected to participate in Spring and Fall clean-up
18. Gardeners are to respect the rights and property of others. Report any suspicious activities to Waterloo Regional Police at 519-653-7700 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222TIPS (8477)
19. The right to use a garden plot will be forfeited by gardeners not abiding by the above rules and subject to any further direction from the Community Garden Coordinator

**Optional Media/Release of Photography:** I acknowledge that my picture may be used by the Waterloo Region Community Garden Council for promotional/website use only (check box to comply).

I have read, understood and agree to the above waiver of liability and assumption of risk and hereby consent to participate and/or allow my child to participate in this Waterloo Region Community Garden Council project

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Name of participating child/children (optional) (print)

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Date

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**Name of Adult Volunteer (print)**

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**Date**

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**Signature of Adult Volunteer**

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**Date**

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**Witnessed By Community Garden Representative**

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**Date**