

Sample Community Garden Guidelines

These guidelines will help keep the garden running smoothly:

1. Each gardener is a valuable member of the community garden. Be respectful of each other, the environment and the neighborhood. Keep the garden clean and free of weeds and litter.
2. The *growing season* is defined as the period from the Victoria Day weekend to the "*Garden Clean-Up Day*" the last Saturday in October.
3. Gardeners are asked to come to all gardening meetings, clean-up days and to participate in garden events.
4. A \$__ deposit, paid at the beginning of the *growing season* to _____, gives the gardener the use of one garden plot for one *growing season*.
5. Each gardener will take care of their plot and *the pathways around the plot*. If a garden is neglected for two weeks, the gardener will be given a notice. If the garden is not taken care of by the end of the third week, the gardener will lose their plants and plot.
6. If a gardener plans to go away, they are to ask someone to look after their plot.
7. Gardeners are to prepare their own garden plot. Plots not planted by June 15 will be assigned to someone else.
8. Illegal or poisonous plants or plants that cause excessive shading or invading of neighbouring plots are not allowed.
9. Gardeners are to clean and put away garden tools after use.
10. Do not pick flowers or vegetables from other gardeners' plots.
11. Respect the property surrounding the community garden. The garden is open during daylight hours only.
12. Conserve water. You may wish to use mulch like leaves, grass clippings or straw on top of your soil, to hold moisture in the ground.
13. Gardeners expected are to attend spring and fall clean-up days (Saturday before May long weekend and the last Saturday in October).
14. Communication will be by e-mail. Please respect the confidentiality of personal information. Arrangements will be made for those not on e-mail.