

2012 Organic Community Garden Agreement & Guidelines

1. As a plot holder I am responsible for the plant material, soil, amendments and the **maintenance** and **weeding** of pathways surrounding my plot at **all times**.
2. I will **not** plant woody plants (trees and shrubs) that affect my neighbours, or invasive species. Please see invasive species list – enclosed.
3. I will **not** place any objects like chairs, containers/pots, planters, and pieces of wood or anything to obstruct the common area pathways. A wheelbarrow needs to be able to move freely between gardens.
4. Herbicides (weed killers); insecticides, chemical fertilizers, animal poisons and **nonorganic materials** (including treated wood) **are not allowed** in the garden. For additional information see Pesticide Use Control Bylaw enclosure.
5. Under no circumstances are the communal garden tools to leave the Community Garden. Tools should be cleaned and returned to the storage area after each use. It is the responsibility of all the gardeners to keep the storage area tidy and organized. I will not leave garbage or useless gardening materials in the garden shed, and I will help to keep the shed tidy and organized.
6. I will prepare my garden for planting by May 1st. If I am unable to do so, I will forfeit my plot. If I am unable to work my plot for any reason, I will notify the Richmond Food Security Society at 604-244-7377.
7. Taking things from garden plots other than your own is considered theft. Do not ruin the gardening experience of others by picking or destroying items in their gardens.
8. I will not grow plants or erect any structures that will shade my neighbouring plots. Maximum height is 6 feet.
9. I will continue to maintain a winter garden or I will have my plot weeded, harvested and put to rest by October 31st
10. The Community Garden is open dawn until dusk, seven days a week. No vehicles are permitted on the pathway, plaza or within the community garden area.
11. Family members are welcome to the garden site. Please supervise young children so they don't disturb other plots or gardeners. A reminder that **dogs are not allowed in the Terra Nova Park**.
12. Please conserve the use of water. Mulch with leaves, grass clippings, or hay to reduce water evaporation. Please hand water – the use of sprinklers is not acceptable as it encourages weeds in the pathways. Water restrictions must be followed when in effect.
13. Please take responsibility for your garden waste by composting at your garden plot. The City of Richmond will provide green bins but only at select times when garden waste becomes excessive.
14. Limit of one (1) garden per residence.