

2013 Organic Community Garden Agreement & Guidelines Educational Plot Program

As a plot holder I am responsible:

1. For the plant material the **maintenance** and **weeding** of pathways surrounding my plot at **all times**.
2. **I will** prepare my garden for planting by May 1st.
3. **I will** continue to maintain a winter garden or I will have my plot weeded, harvested and planted a cover crop by October 31st.
4. **I will not** plant trees and non-edible shrubs, raspberries, blackberries or invasive species according to provincial regulations.
5. **I will not** use any Pesticides, Herbicides (weed killers), insecticides, chemical fertilizers, animal poisons and **nonorganic materials** including treated wood. In compliance with the Pesticide Use Control Bylaw #8514 and Public Health protection Bylaw # 8969
6. **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
7. **I will not** remove communal garden tools from the Community Garden site. **I will** clean and return the tools to the storage area after each use and help to keep the shed tidy and organized
8. **I will not** leave garbage or useless gardening materials at the community garden site or in the garden shed
9. **I will not** grow plants or erect any structures that will shade my neighbouring plots. Maximum height is 6 feet.
10. **I will** conserve water by hand watering, mulching with leaves, grass clippings, or hay to reduce water evaporation and follow water restrictions guidelines when in effect.
11. **I will** take responsibility for my garden waste by composting at my garden plot or remove my compost off site.
12. **I will** commit to a minimum of 15 hours of volunteer work in the garden by signing up for community garden tasks

All garden sites are a place to enjoy your personal gardening experience not for any commercial business.

The garden sites are open from dawn until dusk, seven days a week.

No vehicles are permitted on the pathways, plaza or within the community garden area.

Family members are welcome, please supervise young children and remember that dogs are not allowed on any garden sites.

In accordance with Bylaw #7310, taking things from garden plots is considered theft. If you have concerns regarding theft from garden sites please call the bylaw office at 604-276-4284.

If you witness any other illegal activity please report it to the Richmond Food Security Society at 604-244-7377

Limit of one (1) garden per residence