



2015 Organic Community Garden Agreement & Guidelines

As a **plot holder I am responsible:** For the plant material the **maintenance** and **weeding** of pathways surrounding my plot at **all times**.

I will:

- Treat my fellow gardeners and community members with respect
- Prepare my garden for planting by May 1st and clean up and plant a cover crop or mulch by October 31st, if not winter gardening.
- Conserve water by hand watering, mulching with leaves, grass clippings, or hay to reduce water evaporation and follow water restrictions guidelines when in effect.
- Take responsibility for my garden waste by composting at my garden plot or remove my compost off site
- Clean and return the tools to the storage area after each use and help to keep the shed tidy and organized
- Commit to a minimum of 15 hours of volunteer work in the garden by signing up for community garden tasks

I will not:

- Use abusive or obscene language
- Plant trees and non-edible shrubs, Jerusalem Artichokes, raspberries, blackberries and invasive species according to provincial regulations.(see guidelines in CG Handbook)
- 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
- Place any objects like chairs, containers/pots, planters, and pieces of wood or anything to obstruct the common area pathways.
- Dump green waste into bushes and surrounding garden areas.
- Leave garbage or useless gardening materials at the community garden site or in the garden shed
- Remove communal garden tools from the Community Garden site.
- Grow plants or erect any structures that will shade my neighbouring plots. Maximum height is 6 feet. (see guidelines in CG Handbook)

Initials

- 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

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