

Grantham Community Garden Agreement & Guidelines - 2017

Welcome to the Grantham Community Garden! We are glad that you have chosen to garden with us this season and look forward to getting to know you. We rely on member cooperation and participation to keep the garden running smoothly. Please review these guidelines. Once you have signed this agreement, paid your \$20 fee and been assigned a plot, you are free to begin. Happy gardening!

1. The garden should be a safe, enjoyable place for each gardener. Do not bring anything that will compromise the safety of the garden. Always observe the guidelines and be a good neighbour.
2. All decisions made by the garden committee are in the best interest of those participating. The committee is responsible for enforcing the guidelines. They have the authority to resolve conflicts, including the power to refuse a plot to a gardener and/or to dismiss a current gardener.
3. Teach young children right from the start to respect other garden plots.
4. Unless you are in a raised bed, your plot measures 10' x 20'. Do not expand your plot beyond its designated area. Make sure to keep all plants within these limits as well.
5. Ensure that your plot is kept reasonably free of weeds. Dispose of weeds and plant material in the designated compost area. All trash must be disposed of in the designated area as well. Help us keep a clean garden. A garden coordinator may contact you if weeds are over 1 ft high.
6. If you are unable to care for your plot for an extended period of time, you must find someone else to tend to your plot while you are absent.
7. If your plot becomes unkempt, the Grantham Garden Committee will notify you of a time limit in which you have to return your plot to a reasonable state. If this is not taken care of within the time limits allowed, your plot may be reassigned to another gardener or tilled in.
8. In order to help conserve water, consider using biodegradable mulch such as leaves, hay or grass clippings. Water is costly and we each need to do our part in helping to keep that cost down.
9. Keep taller plants such as corn or sunflowers in the center of your plot so they do not shade your neighbor's plants.
10. Under no circumstances may you pick produce from another plot. This will be considered theft and will not be tolerated.
11. Pets are allowed so long as they are on a leash. Always clean up after your pet to keep the walking paths clean and free of pet waste.
12. If you make use of the garden's tools, please return them clean to the storage shed. Tools are not to be taken home overnight.
13. Plot markers are to be left in place for the entire gardening season.
14. This is an organic garden. Herbicides (weed killers) and pesticides are prohibited in any part of the community garden.
15. You are responsible to clear your plot at the end of the growing season
16. The use of a garden plot is for one growing season only and use thereof does not confer any right, title or interest whatsoever in the property allocated.
17. Grantham MB Church assumes no liability in the event of any accident to persons or property.
18. Always work to keep the garden a happy, secure and enjoyable place where all participants can garden and socialize peacefully together. Have fun and may your garden grow healthy and strong !!
19. Pictures may be taken on the garden property by the garden coordinators for promotional purposes. If your picture is to be used for any purpose by the Grantham Garden then you will be contacted prior to that use. If you do not wish your photo to be taken or used for any reason, please initial your name here to formally opt-out _____.

I have read and understand the above agreement and guidelines. I accept these and wish to participate in the Grantham Community Garden. I understand that failure to comply with the above may result in loss of gardening privileges.

Signed _____ on _____ 2017

