

# Bay Park Community Garden Agreement

Welcome and thank you for your interest in community gardening!  
Our vision is involvement in the garden will building relationships in our community.

On your plot you may grow, for non-commercial, use, food, flowers, and herbs. You may have a garden plot with the understanding that you are participating in the following agreement.

## FORMALITIES

- I understand that I am responsible for my own safety while at the garden and will not hold Bay Park Baptist Church responsible for any injury or loss resulting from and form of participation or work in the community garden.
- I agree to volunteer 5 hours per season towards projects in the garden above and beyond work on my private plot.
- I will contribute \$25 for each 10'x10' plot in order to help cover garden expenses, to a maximum of 2 plots or \$12.50 for a half plot. If I am unable to pay this fee, I will discuss the fee with the treasurer.
- I will notify the Site Coordinator in writing if I no longer wish to rent my plot(s) before the next renewal period. The Site Coordinator will notify all gardeners in writing if there will be any significant changes regarding plot usage and allocation.
- I will agree to supervise my children at all times.
- Communication between garden members will occur primarily via emails, Facebook, and regular meetings and I agree to participate with these methods of communication.
- I understand that if any of these guidelines are violated, I will be contacted to discuss the situation and come to a resolution. If after an agreed upon period the violations is still not addressed, I understand that I may lose my gardening privileges.
- I understand that in the spirit of communal cooperation, people of all ages, genders, cultural backgrounds and abilities are welcome to garden.
- If a conflict arises between me and another member, I will do my best to resolve it without involving other members of the garden. If this is unsuccessful, I will contact the Site Manager. I agree that we want to maintain a friendly, peaceful, welcoming atmosphere for everyone!
- I will work to keep the garden a happy, secure, and enjoyable place where all participants can garden peacefully in a neighbourly manner.

## GARDENING

- I will have worked in my plot by mid-May and will keep my plot maintained all summer long. If I am behind on these duties I will ask for help from other gardeners, as well as from my family/friends. I will also contact the site coordinators and explain the situation.
- I understand that garden plots and communal beds must be maintained to the satisfaction of Bay Park and the garden group. This includes normal watering, weeding, and general care of the assigned plot and adjacent area. If I am away for more than two weeks, I will arrange to have someone look after my plot. If my plot becomes unkempt, I understand I will be notified by the site coordinator. After two notices to clean up the plot it may be reassigned or tilled in with the understanding my fee will not be refunded.
- If I must abandon my plot for any reason I will notify the Site Coordinator. If I decide to abandon my plot, I will not pass it on to any friend or individual, the garden group will reassign the plot to the next individual on the waiting list. The plot fees are not refundable. If I give up my plot before March 1st, I can seek a refund on the balance of the fees paid to the garden. After this date I understand that I will not receive any refund when giving up my plot.
- I will not add any structure to my plot without the consent of the rest of the garden group.
- I will try not to plant tall crops where they will shade other people's plots.
- I will tend and harvest only my own plot unless given permission by the plot user (except communal and donation beds).
- I will not use any non-organic fertilizers, fungicides, insecticides, or herbicides.
- I will remove dead or unwanted plants and take them to the designated compost area. I will not leave them in the pathways. I will not put trash or animal products (including meat, bones, animal waste) on the compost piles. Seedy plants or invasive weeds are to be bagged and removed.
- I understand that at the end of the gardening season, all dead plants and non-plant materials must be removed and disposed of properly. All gardens must be left neat and tidy, unless I am growing winter crops. If my garden is not cleaned up by November 1st, I understand that I may lose my gardening privileges for the next season.
- I will clean and return all common tools to the designated tool storage area when I have finished using them.

## OPERATIONS

- I agree not to bring in outside waste. I will take my garbage away with me, this includes water bottles, food containers, garden waste that is not compostable, etc.
- I understand that my pets must be leashed in the garden area and I will clean up after them.

- I will garden during daylight hours only.
- Smoking is not permitted on garden grounds.
- I will report theft, vandalism and unusual activities to the Site Coordinator.

## **GARDENER AGREEMENT CONFIRMATION**

I \_\_\_\_\_(name printed) will do everything in my power to uphold and encourage the Bay Park’s Community Garden Agreement. I recognize that I am a valued member of the garden and a critical ingredient in the success of my own plot as well as of the entire Bay Park Community Garden as a whole.

I agree to accept the rules, terms, and conditions of this Gardener Agreement for my participation in the garden.

I understand that I am responsible for my actions. I therefore agree to hold harmless other gardeners, the Site Coordinator and Bay Park Baptist Church, for any liability, damage, loss or claim that occurs in connection with the use of the garden by me, my family, friends, associates, or any of my guests.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Photo Permission:

From time to time, gardeners, garden leaders and the media will take photos of the garden. Please check here  if you do not give permission for your photo to be published. If you do not give permission, please let photographers know.