

Nutana Community Gardens 2016 Gardeners Agreement - Darcy Bear

Mission

The Nutana Community Garden through the sustainable production of food aims to improve health through physical activity, community involvement and growth of nutritious food. The garden will provide a space for learning and development for all ages and cultures and it will beautify the urban landscape. Cultivation of food and flowers will be undertaken in an environmentally responsible manner. Respect for gardeners, gardens, and the environment will be fostered in a supportive community.

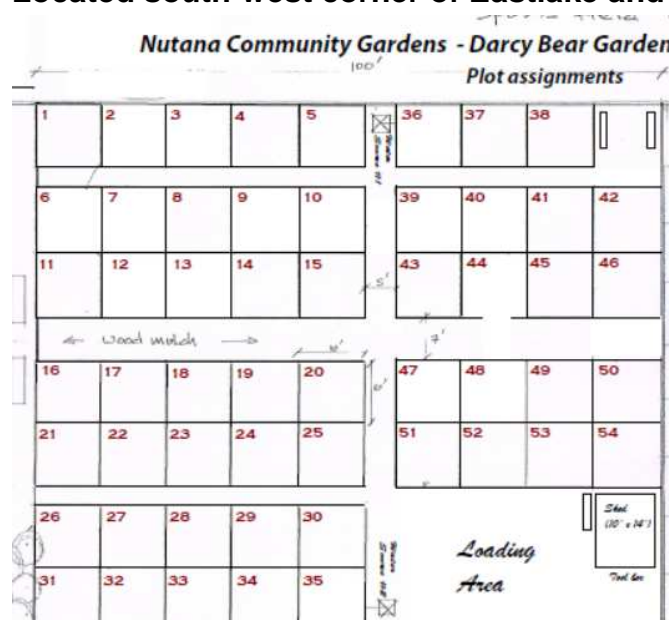


Garden coordinator – Myrtle Harrington
Contact: garden@nutana.ca

Garden boundaries must not be changed and raised beds may not be higher than 6 inches.

Nutana Community Garden at Chief Darcy Bear Park

Located south-west corner of Eastlake and 12th Street.



- Individual plots for annual rental
- Returning gardeners in good standing will be given priority.
- Site features
 - water supplied by City of Saskatoon
 - storage shed
 - shared tools
 - compost pick up

Member Responsibilities

1. Register as Member of the Garden:

Membership (\$30.00 plus community association membership) includes: Rental of a garden plot, access to tool shed, access to water and compost facilities. Members are responsible for keeping their plots weed free and tool shed tidy. Contributions to general garden maintenance by members will be needed to meet conditions of the garden land usage - approximately 4 hours per member.

2. Planting Date: All plots are to be planted by the first Saturday of June. Plots not planted by this date will be assigned to the next person on the waiting list.

3. Plot Weeding: Garden plot and pathway around the plot are to be kept free of weeds. Weeds with seeds are to be bagged and put into a garbage container (note the garden does not maintain a public garbage bin). Weeds without seeds can be put into one of the city compost containers.

4. Winter preparation: Plots must be fully cleaned out before it snows or before the last Saturday of October.

5. Absences: If you will be away during the summer we ask that you invite a friend to care for your plot and/or harvest ripened produce.

6. Get to know your neighbour - you may be able to help each other.

7. Inability to Garden: If you are no longer able to maintain your plot, contact Myrtle Harrington to discuss the future plans for the plot.

8. Abandoned plots will be reassigned

A plot which is weedy, or appears to be unkempt will be identified as potentially abandoned. Attempts to contact the owner of the plot will be made; if improvements or arrangements are not made within 2 weeks the plot will be reassigned.

9. Plot maintenance and appearance

a. Appearance – Please keep your garden plot aesthetically pleasing.

b. Weeds must be removed before they go to seed. Each gardener is responsible for removing weeds from their own plot.

- c. **Pests and disease** – It is the responsibility of gardeners to remove pests and diseased plants as soon as possible. Early removal can minimize spread throughout your plot and throughout the garden.
- 10. Compost** – Compostable material placed in the black City of Saskatoon compost bins will be removed throughout the summer.
- 11. Planting Practice:** Respect for fellow gardeners and the wider community is extremely important in any community garden. Tall plants should only be planted where they do not shade neighbouring plots. Harvest only from your own plot. If you are unable to harvest your produce for a period of time please arrange for someone else to do it.
- 12. Water:** Water must be turned off at the source before you leave the garden. Report any water leaks or issues to garden@nutana.ca text 306 230-6172. Flooding caused by the garden will result in a total loss of our garden privileges.
- 13. Produce Type:** The community garden has produced very good root crops such as carrots, potatoes and beets. It has also produced very good squash, zucchini, lettuce, beans, peas, and onions. Please note: **no potatoes are to be planted in the Remail Garden in 2016 but they may be planted in the Chief Darcy Bear Garden.**
- 14. Garden Policies:** The Nutana Community Garden is committed to organic gardening practices.
- a. Compost from the City is provided most years to augment your plots. Please move the compost from the pile to your plots as desired.
 - b. You are welcome to augment your soil with your vermicompost, manures, or other organic sources as you desire.
 - c. Do not plant any GMO (genetically modified) plants.
 - d. **SAFETY ISSUE: Do not use any synthetic pesticides (insecticides, fungicides, herbicides, etc.).** Because the garden is much like a park, pesticides may put people and pets at risk and cannot be applied to public land without permission.

Summary

The well-being of this garden is our shared responsibility. If you notice that something is not as it should be please respond accordingly, either by correcting the problem (minor issues such as litter or weeds in communal areas) or by emailing garden@nutana.ca.

Four work bee dates are scheduled for 2016 (Saturdays 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.)

May 28 - welcome, garden tour and question period

July 9 – weeding and tool maintenance

August 13 – weeding

October 17- final garden clean up

Assignment of garden plots for 2016 (NEW)

Plots will be allocated (no individual choice) and may not be the same as they were in 2015. The NCA registrar will, however, attempt to assign the same plot numbers to returning individuals.

Welcome to the Garden!

If you have specific needs or problems that might keep you from meeting the conditions of this agreement, please contact Myrtle Harrington prior to registering. The Nutana Community Garden can serve as a powerful model for gardening in our neighbourhood. We look forward to an exciting season of growth, learning, fun, and enjoyment!

Membership

\$30 each plus community association membership.

Please note your 2016 Plot number _____

Yours in service,
Myrtle Harrington
2016 Garden Co-ordinator
garden@nca.ca

Nutana Community Garden Registration

Please register online at registration.nutana.ca

2016 Register online:

[Click to register https://registration.nutana.ca](https://registration.nutana.ca)

Declaration

Your registration confirms that you have read, understood and agree to abide with the above gardeners' responsibilities.

You have not registered unless we have received your payment. Cost is \$30.00 for each plot during 2016.

The following information will be required to register:

Name

Phone number

E-mail address (this is important as it is often the only communication tool)

There will be a separate registration online for each garden.

1. Darcy Bear at Darcy Bear Park
2. Remail Garden beside the Broadway Roastery

Make Cheques to – Nutana Community Association

Register online: registration.nutana.ca

[Click to register https://registration.nutana.ca](https://registration.nutana.ca)

Cheques may be mailed to:

Victoria School
Nutana Community Association, C/O Garden
639 Broadway Avenue, SK
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