

Nutana Community Association

2020 Gardeners Agreement for the Remail Garden

The Nutana Community Association (NCA) gardens aim to improve health through physical activity, community involvement and the organic cultivation of food and flowers. Our community gardens foster respect for gardeners, gardens, and the environment .

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Membership Responsibilities

- 1. Register as a Member of the Garden:** Membership fee \$25.00 plus NCA fee \$10.
Membership includes the use of a garden plot, access to the tool shed, access to water and compost; members are individually responsible for meeting the conditions outlined in this garden agreement (2 pages). Plots will be assigned by May 1st - a coloured flag in each plot will identify the member's name and plot number.
- 2. Garden maintenance:** members are responsible for maintaining individual plots and surrounding paths, and for contributing to general garden maintenance as needed.
- 3. Communications** - an orientation to the garden will be held May 2, repeated May 3, in the garden - new and returning gardeners are welcome to attend.
The garden coordinator will send periodic emails to gardeners about garden work bees, events or issues. Information may also be posted on or in the garden shed. Gardeners can contact the coordinator with questions or concerns at remai.garden@nutana.ca
- 4. Planting practices and plot maintenance**
 - A. Planting date** - plots must be planted by the last Sunday of May. Plots with no planting by this date will be reassigned by the garden coordinator.
 - B. Garden Shed** - gardening tools are available in the garden shed. The combination to the lock on the shed will be provided at orientation and by email to members.
 - C. Watering** - water tanks are filled by the fire department, coordinated by a garden volunteer. Use watering cans from the shed to carry water to your plot.

- D. Compost** - we will receive a delivery of City compost at the beginning of May. If you want compost for your plot, use a wheelbarrow from the shed. At your discretion, you may augment your soil with your own compost, manure or other organics - or apply synthetic fertilizers.
- E. Do not use any synthetic pesticide or insecticide, fungicide, herbicide etc.**
- F. Weeding plots and paths** Each gardener is responsible for keeping their plot and surrounding pathways free of weeds. Weeds and other plant materials can be put into one of the 3 black compost containers in the parking lot.
- G. Garbage** - the garden does not have a garbage bin - bag your garbage and take it home with you.
- H. Pests and disease** - the garden has been free of **potato beetles** for 4 years. Check your potato plants and if need be, manually remove beetles, larvae or eggs.
- I. Garden plot boundaries** must not be changed
- J. Raised beds** may not be higher than 6 inches.
- K. Planting Practice** Respect for fellow gardeners is extremely important in any community garden. Tall plants should only be planted in the center of your plot to avoid shading your neighbour's plot. Harvest only from your own plot.
- L. Absences** if you will be away during the growing season, make arrangements for someone else to care for your plot and harvest ripened produce - your garden neighbours may be able to help.
- M. Abandoned plots** if you are no longer able to maintain your plot, let the garden coordinator know. A weedy or unkempt plot will be considered abandoned and the coordinator will attempt to contact the registered member. If improvements or arrangements are not made within an acceptable time, the plot will be reassigned.
- N. Winter preparation** Plots must be fully cleaned out at the end of the season -typically by early October. Exceptions are winter plantings and perennials.

Summary

The well-being of the community garden is our shared responsibility. We look forward to a great season of growth, learning, and community with you!