

Yellowbird Community Garden

Membership Contract 2017

The Yellowbird Community Garden is committed to building and maintaining a community of garden lovers, and building and maintaining a space for them in which to practice gardening. By having a place to come together and share a love of growing things, we aim to foster community spirit, spark friendships, and share knowledge and experience with our neighbours. Together we can grow a beautiful community!

As a member of the Yellowbird Community Garden, I will to the best of my ability, adhere to the following practices:

Conditions of membership

1. No previous gardening experience necessary.
2. The garden is a group effort, and includes spaces that are enjoyed by all and as such need to be maintained by all. Our garden has been made possible by the generous efforts of volunteers and we need our members to participate and contribute as much as possible to the ongoing maintenance of our garden. You agree to participate and help out in whatever ways you are able.
3. Volunteer contributions are mandatory. Numerous volunteer positions are available, and volunteer commitments will be tracked. If demand for plots exceeds the number of plots available, preference will be given to those with the most volunteer hours.
4. Members must be at least 18 years of age. Anyone under the age of 18 assisting with a garden plot must have consent from their parent/guardian and the plot owner.
5. Fees must be paid in full by April 30th to ensure your plot assignment.
6. You must remain in good standing with the garden group. Violation of the contract or failure to uphold your responsibilities may result in your immediate termination and forfeit of deposit. Loss of good standing will occur through failure to uphold the guidelines set forth in this contract, or at the committee's discretion when necessary.

Fees

7. Fees are re-evaluated each year based on estimated operating costs of the garden.
8. You are required to pay a \$20 refundable deposit, in the form of a post-dated cheque dated November 30 of the current year, and made out to the Yellowbird East Community League, prior to being assigned a plot. The cheque will be destroyed after all your membership responsibilities for the year have been met, and the Facilities Director is satisfied with the clean-up of your plot (typically in October, but may be flexible depending on weather conditions).
9. You are also required to pay non-refundable ongoing plot fees during the year for the use of materials and equipment, e.g. water. The Garden Committee reserves the right to re-evaluate these fees as need dictates.

Plot fees for the 2017 garden will be as follows:

- o 4 x 4 plot: \$20
- o 4 x 8 plot: \$30

Member responsibilities

Plots and planting

10. You are responsible for your assigned plot.
11. You have the option to continue with the same plot in the subsequent year if you are a member in good standing at the end of the current year.
12. You may only plant within the designated area of your plot.
13. You must keep your plot and surrounding perimeter and pathways clean and weed-free. You

may use composting facilities on site if available; otherwise you must remove your weeds and debris from the site. Abandonment or serious neglect of a plot will result in committee intervention.

14. You must provide your own plants and/or seeds to grow in the garden.
15. You may not use pesticides, insecticides, or herbicides.
16. You may use only organic fertilizers as long as their application method will not cause them to contact other gardener's plots.
17. You must contact the Garden Committee if you are unable to maintain your plot.
18. **You must have planted or begun planting or begun work in your garden by June 1.** If your plot shows no signs of activity by then, you will be contacted by the committee and you risk losing your plot. If you have not begun planting by June 10, your plot is forfeit, your deposit is forfeit, and your plot will be reassigned to another gardener.
19. **You must clear your plot completely by October 15th.**

Courtesy, safety, and security

20. You agree to provide assistance to other gardeners, as much as is possible and reasonable, if asked.
21. You must respect the rights of others and not take any material or harvest from another plot, or interfere with another gardener's plot in any way.
22. Pets must be leashed and kept out of the plots.
23. You must not smoke in the vicinity of the garden.
24. You must not bring with you or consume alcohol or any illegal substances on the site.
25. This garden is in a public place and as such is vulnerable to vandalism. You must assist in promoting the security of the garden and its participants, and report any suspicious activity or incidents to the committee.
26. You must make an effort to keep the garden site clean and free of litter and debris. This may mean picking up and throwing away the odd piece of trash while you are there.

Garden equipment

27. You are expected to bring your own garden tools to the garden when you visit, and bring them home with you when you are done. The garden does not have a place for gardeners to store personal tools.
28. You are responsible for employing water conservation practices.
 - Water only when necessary (ie. soil is dry)
 - Water only garden areas that require it (ie. do not water unplanted areas)
 - Water using watering cans, and direct the water at the base of the plant.
 - Do not allow the water to run freely out of the faucet or spill on the ground.
 - Do not water to the point where the soil is saturated and runs off your plot.
29. Report any problems with the water system immediately to the garden committee.

Garden involvement

30. The garden committee may require the collecting of personal information such as your name, address and contact numbers including email. These are for the sole purpose of administering the garden and for informing you of pertinent information and upcoming meetings. Your contact information may be made available to other members in order to facilitate a sharing of garden expertise and interests. The garden committee will never share your personal information with any third parties.

The Yellowbird Community Garden has the authority to request compliance to these terms and may terminate a member's agreement if he/she does not follow these practices.

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I have read and agree to comply with the above rules and I accept the responsibilities and conditions outlined. I am aware that failure to comply may result in my garden membership termination, loss of plot, and forfeit of deposit. I understand that participation in the garden is at my own risk. I understand that my name, email address, phone number, and other contact information may be shared with other garden members.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____ Email (required) _____
(Circle one) Call Text Call or text

I would be interested in the following ongoing volunteer opportunities (select at least one):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Committee member | <input type="checkbox"/> Overseeing daily garden activity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assisting with planning for social events | <input type="checkbox"/> Assisting with administrative tasks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assisting with publicity | <input type="checkbox"/> Assisting with construction tasks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assisting with community events | <input type="checkbox"/> Assisting with garden work bees |

Payments - 2 separate payments are required:

- Deposit required: **\$20.00** as a **post-dated cheque, dated for Nov 30.** Cheque # _____
- Fee required (select Cash or Cheque) *Cheques can be made out to Yellowbird East Community League.*
- Cash
- Cheque # _____ **(dated for today)**

Choose amount: **\$20.00** (4x4 plot) **\$30.00** (4x8 plot)

Date _____

Signature _____