

BEDDINGTON COMMUNITY GARDEN 2023 GARDEN RULES

This document sets out the rules that govern the Beddington Community Garden (the “Garden”). These Rules are intended to help all our Gardeners grow fresh, healthy food in a thriving garden, to help create a sense of community among our gardeners, and to help the garden to be a good neighbor.

Every person who has a plot in the Garden (called “Gardeners”) must comply with these Rules.

All issues within the Garden and area and with other Gardeners should be reported to garden@beddingtoncommunity.ca. Beddington Theatre Arts Centre (the “Landowner”) is not involved in the managing of the garden.

1. ACCESS TO THE GARDEN (And Surrounding Areas)

Location: The Garden is located on an area that is subleased from the Landowner. There are trailers the Landowner uses near the garden and the concrete area just beside the garden is for use by the Landowner. The Landowner has plans to use that area for their theatre for part of the season, which may include rehearsing as well as performances. **Gardeners agree to not interfere** with the Landowner’s activities, staff and equipment. **Gardeners also agree to be respectful and quiet** during these times of rehearsal and performances. If available, the Landowner’s schedule will be posted so that Gardeners can plan their time accordingly.

Parking: Parking will generally be available near the Garden, but the lot may become full when the theatre is in use. Therefore, **Gardeners accept and agree** that parking will not always be guaranteed, and alternatives may need to be explored, like parking (legally) on the street or walking to the Garden if possible.

Bathrooms: The Landowner has agreed to let Gardeners use the bathrooms in the theatre if the building is open. Access will be through the front doors only. If the door is not open, then bathrooms are not available. Gardeners agree that they will NOT use the facilities to wash tools or equipment. Gardeners recognize that performances may be in progress and they and their guests will be quiet and respectful while entering the building and using the facilities. Gardeners agree they will leave the building and facilities clean as they recognize that the Landowner may revoke this access at any time. Gardeners accept and agree that the bathrooms may not always be available, and they may need to find an alternative solution.

Season: The Garden is open and accessible from May 14, 2023 - October 31, 2023. (Dates are dependent on weather and may change. You will be kept informed by email of any changes.)

Hours: Gardeners may only be in the Garden between dawn to dusk.

Keys and Security: Where applicable, the BHCA will give each Gardener access to the storage shed. On leaving the Garden, Gardeners are responsible for locking the storage shed if there

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are no other individuals in the Garden. Gardeners will follow any additional security guidelines that may be announced by the BHCA.

2. GARDEN PLOTS

Use of Own Plot: Gardeners may use only the plots assigned to them by the BHCA. Gardeners will maintain their plants within their plots and will trim any plants that extend into neighboring plots or into common areas. Gardeners may not alter the dimensions of their plot.

Plantings: Gardeners may plant vegetables, fruits, and flowers. Gardeners may not maintain plantings or plant-supporting structures that impede adjacent gardeners' access to sunlight by the nature of their height, material or density. Gardeners may not grow any plants above 4 feet in height.

Supplies: Gardeners are solely responsible for the planning and management of their own plots, including providing their own seeds, plants, organic fertilizer, and any tools.

Organic Methods: Gardeners will garden organically. Gardeners will check with the BHCA before applying any fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides, or rodenticides, even if labeled "organic." Use of compost, organic mulch, and weeding is always acceptable.

Water: Each Gardener is responsible for watering his or her own plot using the hose provided by BHCA. Gardeners will not overwater their plants or leave a hose unattended.

Tools: Gardeners may bring their own tools into the Garden to use in their plots, but the BHCA is not responsible for their loss

Plot Maintenance and Trash: Gardeners will maintain their plots and adjacent paths in a clean and neat fashion, promptly removing any weeds, overgrowth, or other waste from their plot. Gardeners will promptly harvest edible plants. Gardeners are responsible for hauling and disposing of their own trash, such as weeds, boxes, trays, bags, packets, and similar items. A trash can will be available on site.

Yearly Cleanup: Gardeners will perform a yearly clean-up on their plots on a date to be determined by the BHCA.

Compost: Where applicable, Gardeners will place any organic waste such as weeds, dead plants, or rotten produce, in the compost pile. The gardeners should cut any organic waste to 4" length before putting it into a compost bin and follow other compost rules as designated by the BHCA.

Absence: Gardeners may not abandon their plots. Abandonment means failing to maintain a plot for 3 weeks. If a Gardener expects to be away from the Garden for more than 3 weeks, he or she must inform the BHCA. The Gardener and the BHCA will then determine an alternative,

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such as a temporary substitute, acceptable to both. Gardeners who abandon their plot will lose their plot with no refund.

3. COMMON AREAS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Common Tools: BHCA or Gardeners collectively may provide a set of tools in a storage shed in the Garden for use by all Gardeners (the “Common Tools”). Gardeners will return the Common Tools to the storage shed as soon as they are finished using them. If a Common Tool appears dangerous or in disrepair, Gardener will not use the Common Tool and inform the BHCA immediately.

Common Responsibilities : Gardeners will keep clean and neat any common areas, such as pathways and storage sheds. Gardeners will promptly report any concerns about the safety of the Garden to the BHCA by emailing garden@beddingtoncommunity.ca. If there is storm damage, all Gardeners are expected to help in cleaning up and restoring the Garden to its prior condition. If there is malicious damage then Gardeners are expected to report it to the BHCA immediately.

Garden Work Days: All Gardeners must participate in 4 “Garden Work Hours” per season to maintain common areas and 1 Work Day for end of season cleanup. Garden Work Hours can include, but are not limited to: Helping maintain community and pollinator plots, helping maintain fellow Gardeners’ plots when they are not able to themselves and have requested help, keeping common areas maintained and tidy,

4. COMMUNICATION

Contact Information: The BHCA will provide a list of all gardeners’ contact information and plot assignment. Gardeners must tell the BHCA of any change in their contact e-mail addresses or phone numbers.

Gardener Input: Gardeners are encouraged to provide suggestions about Garden operations to the BHCA.

Registration: Previous year’s gardeners may register beginning March 18, 2023. Public registration opens on March 27, 2023. Annual fees are due upon registration

Confidentiality: BHCA and other Gardeners will not use any personally identifiable information, including Gardener’s name, email address, telephone number, or street address, for purposes other than the operation of the Garden.

5. CONDUCT

General Conduct: Gardeners are expected to be civil, honest, and cooperative in dealing with the BHCA, volunteers, neighbors, other Gardeners, and guests of other Gardeners.

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Guests: Gardeners may bring guests, including children, into the Garden, provided that the guests comply with the Rules. Gardeners will supervise any child under the age of sixteen. Gardeners will be responsible for the conduct of children and their guests including making sure they do not damage or interfere with activities on other plots or otherwise engage in inappropriate conduct. Guest violations of these Rules are treated as violations by the Gardener.

Pets: No pets will be allowed on site.

Respect Others' Property: Gardeners may not use other plots, use another Gardener's tools or supplies, or harvest another Gardener's produce, without the explicit permission of the other Gardener.

No Illegal Plants: Gardeners may not grow any plants considered illegal or invasive under provincial or federal law. **No Cannabis or Marijuana Plants:** Notwithstanding any legalization of cannabis or marijuana, gardeners may not grow cannabis or marijuana in the Garden.

Compliance: Gardeners must comply with all applicable local, provincial, and federal laws.

No Smoking: Gardeners may not smoke in the Garden.

No Alcohol or Drug Use: Gardeners may not consume or use alcohol or illegal drugs while on the Garden premises. Gardeners may not bring alcohol or illegal drugs onto the Garden premises. Gardeners may not come into the Garden while under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs.

No Loud Music: Gardeners may not play music or the radio loud enough to be a nuisance to other Gardeners or to the Garden's neighbors.

No Sales: The Garden is for personal, non-commercial use only; Gardeners may not sell any produce or flowers grown in the Garden.

No Signs Gardeners may not install any signage (which includes posted signs, posters, banners, painting, drawing or other means of written or visual communication) in, on or about the Garden other than a small personal sign to identify the Gardener's plot. Plant labels are allowed. The BHCA shall at all times have the right to remove from the Garden any signage without notice or compensation.

5. PROBLEMS

Rules Violation: Gardeners may lose their rights to participate in the Garden if they fail to comply with any of these Rules, or if a Gardener:

- endangers other Gardeners, neighbors, or other individuals
- takes or uses another Gardener's tools, supplies, or produce without permission;

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- encroaches on Garden neighbors' property;
- grows illegal plants; or
- uses alcohol or illegal drugs in the Garden.

The BHCA may, at its discretion, terminate immediately the Gardener's right to participate in the Garden. If that occurs, the Gardener must leave the Garden by the end of Garden hours on the termination day and may not re-enter without BHCA's permission.

If a Gardener violates any other of these Rules, BHCA will inform Gardener of the violation by sending an email to Gardener. If the violation is not corrected within one week, as determined by the BHCA in its discretion, the BHCA or BHCA may, at its discretion, terminate the Gardener's Agreement. After termination, Gardener will have one week to harvest and clean up the plot.

Upon termination for any reason, a Gardener will promptly return to the BHCA any property. Terminated Gardeners are not entitled to any refunds or other payments from the BHCA

No Refund or Other Claims: Gardeners under no circumstances will be entitled, directly or indirectly, to any refunds, any direct, incidental, consequential, punitive, or other damages, any other forms of compensation from the BHCA or to obtain an injunction, specific performance, or other equitable remedy, as a consequence of termination from participation in the Garden.