



Vision: Cultivating personal, neighborhood, and environmental well-being through a welcoming garden community

Application and Garden Plot Contract - 2023

Name:

Email:

Phone:

Address:

**Contact information will not be used for activities other than those related to the Fulton Place Community Garden and its functions.*

Are you a returning gardener? YES or NO

Are you applying for an accessibility plot? YES or NO

If yes, provide a brief description of need:

Fulton Place Community Garden Waiver:

I understand that neither the garden group, the land owner, nor the City is responsible for my actions. I understand I am accessing the garden at my own risk. I therefore agree to hold harmless Fulton Place Community Garden, the Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton, St. Augustine's Anglican Church, and the City of Edmonton for any liability, damage, loss, or claim that occurs in connection with my use of the garden. I have read the document below and agree to its terms and conditions.

Gardener Signature (type your name):

Date:

\$20 fees paid? YES or NO

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Intention

1. I will participate in the Fulton Place Community Garden following the spirit of the garden vision:
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Administration

2. I understand my contact information shall only be used for the functions of the Community Garden and agree it may be shared among the garden membership.
3. I shall attend the April AGM, unless the Garden Committee has excused my attendance as requested through the garden coordinator. Plots shall be assigned at this meeting. For members or friends who have been excused there will be a virtual connection option.
4. Membership dues for the 2023 gardening season are \$20 and mandatory. I understand the Community Garden must comply with all current and future Public Health Orders and City direction. I acknowledge the Garden Committee may need to revoke this Garden Plot Contract or make unilateral changes in order to comply with these Public Health Orders, without prior notice to me.

Plot assignment

5. I agree that garden plots will be assigned as follows:
 - a. Plot members from the previous year (in good standing) shall have priority for the selection of available plots.
 - b. Excess plots shall be assigned on a first-come-first-serve basis.
 - c. Plots are non-transferable.
 - d. One plot shall be assigned per household, unless there is no waiting list.
 - e. Plot rental is for one garden season, beginning at the April Garden Committee meeting and ending on October 15.
 - f. The plots that are 28" high are considered "accessibility plots." Preference for these plots shall be given to members with mobility challenges, special needs, or seniors. Members requesting an accessibility plot shall indicate so on this application form.
 - g. At the October Garden Committee meeting, members can choose to submit a request to either keep their existing plot or to get a different plot for the following season.

'Post-Pandemic' Responsibilities

1. I understand that complying with future Alberta Health Services' Public Health Orders may require the Garden Committee to change or alter my responsibilities, without prior notice to me. The Garden Committee will advise of these changes in writing, which I agree may take immediate effect.

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2. I accept that I will respect the choices of fellow garden members and friends that are based on our shared experience over the last few years, towards mask wearing and physical distancing.

Additional Responsibilities

6. In order to remain a member in good standing, and unless directed otherwise by the Garden Committee:
 - a. I shall plant my plot by **June 1** unless otherwise directed by the Garden Committee and clean the plot by **October 15**.
 - b. I shall keep my plot planted, tidy and weeded throughout the garden season.
 - c. I shall plant my plot according to the Fulton Place Community Garden "Planting Guidelines," detailed at the end of this agreement. I understand that invasive plants or plants that can not be easily removed at the end of the season shall not be planted in individual plots.
 - d. I shall not plant my garden, or place gardening structures such as trellis or tomato cages, in such a way that would shade any other plot. I shall remove all individual plot structures at the end of the garden season.
 - e. I shall not use non-organic fertilizers, fungicides, pesticides and herbicides in the garden.
 - f. I shall dispose of garden waste in a timely fashion according to the Fulton Place Community Garden "Compost Guidelines," detailed at the end of this agreement.
 - g. I shall dispose of non-compostable waste in the provided bins.
 - h. I shall follow the Fulton Place Community Garden "Watering Guidelines," detailed at the end of this agreement.
 - i. I understand that planting and installation of any garden structures in communal plots shall follow the direction of the Garden Committee.
 - j. I shall contribute to the maintenance, watering and weeding of communal plots.
 - k. I shall contribute **6 hours of volunteer time towards** the garden, **achieving at least 3 hours of volunteer time by July 31**. The Garden Committee will provide guidance on these volunteer duties.
 - l. I shall keep the area surrounding my individual plot (i.e. communal pathways) maintained and weed-free.

Other

7. I may harvest produce from communal plots or areas, with consideration of other members. The communal plots or areas will be marked clearly.
8. I am encouraged to report vandalism to the Garden Committee.
9. I understand fall bulb planting will be granted at the discretion of the Garden Committee.

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Non-compliance

10. I shall communicate with the Garden Committee any challenges or inability to fulfill the terms of this contract in a timely manner such that assistance can be provided and the situation rectified.
11. If I do not comply with the terms of this contract, I shall receive a written (email) notice and have 3 weeks to rectify the situation. If I do not rectify the situation within 3 weeks, I agree my plot may be reassigned and my annual dues forfeited at the discretion of the Garden Committee. Should the lack of compliance relate to the violation of a public health order, I shall forfeit my plot immediately.

Compost Guidelines

12. I agree that I will follow the Compost Guidelines:
 - a. I will only add vegetation to the compost (no meats, compostable plates, or oils).
 - b. I will not add any weeds, diseased plants, rocks, or any non-organic material (e.g., plastic) in the compost.
 - c. I will bury all wet greens underneath the top layer of the compost by at least 2"/5 cm.
 - d. If I bring kitchen scraps to put in the compost, I will ensure they are chopped into small pieces, dug into the compost, and buried by at least 2"/5 cm.
 - e. I will add a scoop of browns each time I add greens.
 - f. If the compost seems dry when I turn/fluff it, I will add some water.
 - g. I will contact the Garden Committee if the compost has a bad smell.

Water Guidelines

13. I agree that I will follow the Water Guidelines:
 - a. I will use rainwater before using Church water as Church water must be paid for at an at-cost basis.
 - b. Only the Water Coordinator will fill the Church water tank.
 - c. I will notify the Water Coordinator if rainwater tanks are low or empty.

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Planting Guidelines

14. I agree to follow the Planting Guidelines because individual garden plots are for garden vegetables, herbs and flowers that will be used by the Garden Plot member within one growing season.
 - a. Aggressively self-seeding plants (*such as dill, coriander and poppies*) should be dead-headed prior to the seeds ripening.
 - b. Perennials (such as strawberries, chives and mint) must be planted only in the common areas and with the prior approval of the Garden Committee.
 - c. Very tall plants (such as pole beans, corn and sunflowers) should be planted only where other garden plots are not shaded, or in the common area and with the prior approval of the Garden Committee.
 - d. Noxious, invasive and/or illegal plants are not allowed.