

Gardener's Agreement

Erb Street Mennonite Church (ESMC) Community Garden

located at 407 Erb Street West

Waterloo ON N2L 1T7

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SAFETY AND RESPONSIBILITIES

I understand the ESMC Community Garden is intended solely for recreational purposes. The produce grown is for my personal consumption and is not to be sold.

I understand that certain risks and dangers are inherent in this activity; in particular, injury from the use of tools, weather related illness and injury.

I agree that ESMC takes no liability over the quality, and health and safety of the garden produce. Any and all health related concerns related to handling and consumption of the produce is at the discretion of the participant.

I acknowledge that participation in the garden in any capacity is voluntary, and as such is not covered by the WSIB for illness or injury.

I further acknowledge that my personal safety, and personal possessions are primarily my responsibility and I am fully accountable for my actions.

The Community Gardens are located on land designated for future cemetery use. It is acknowledged that the Community Gardens may use this land until needed for future cemetery purposes.

PARTICIPANT NAME (PLEASE PRINT)

SIGNATURE

DATE

GARDEN RULES

1. I will pay a \$20.00 deposit at the beginning of the growing season which will be refunded if I clear my garden of all materials at the end of the growing season.
2. All gardens plots are to be cleared of plantings by October 31.
3. Because these garden plots are part of ESMC Cemetery, all visitors to the garden plots should respect the nature of the property and any visitors to the gravesites.
4. Garden plots and communal beds must be maintained to the satisfaction of the Garden Coordinators of ESMC. This includes normal watering, weeding and general care of the assigned plot. If you have requested a garden space and it is unutilized by June 1st or if it is unattended for two weeks, it will be reassigned to the next person on the waiting list or absorbed into the communal beds.
5. If you have a personal plot and are away for more than two weeks, you must find someone to look after your plot in your absence and inform the Garden Coordinators. If you can't find someone, inform the Garden Coordinators so that other arrangements can be made. Gardeners wishing to cancel mid-season should notify the Garden Coordinators so that plots may be reassigned.
6. Chemical insecticides, herbicides, fungicides and fertilizers are prohibited in the garden. Only Diatomaceous Earth and Insecticidal Soaps may be used in the control of pests. Only compost and composted manures may be used in soil conditioning and fertilization.
7. Illegal plants are strictly prohibited. Trees and other woody plants are not allowed on individual plots.
8. The garden composting area and its organic material is solely for use on the garden. As such, only 100% vegetative material can be placed on the compost pile at any time.
9. The area between garden plots should be kept clear of any garbage or tools.
10. All gardening supplies that are the property of ESMC are to be stored in the shed. When leaving, please ensure the tools have been properly stored and the shed has been locked.
11. Installation of any fencing, boards or any other materials to enclose the garden is prohibited without consent from the Garden Coordinators.
12. Vehicles must not be driven onto the area where the plots are located and should remain parked on the paved driveway areas.
13. Water supply is limited - please use sparingly.
14. It is recommended that gardening activity take place during daylight hours.
15. Produce from plants may not be sold.
16. Please report any vandalism to the Garden Coordinators.