

GARDNER'S AGREEMENT – LAWSON HEIGHTS GARDEN COLLECTIVE

Welcome to the Lawson Heights Garden, located in Rochdale Park behind Frobisher Place. If you have any questions about the contract or the garden, please contact Sheena Robinson at garden@lawsonheights.ca.

Background

This community garden sits on City of Saskatoon park land and its operations are based on an agreement among the City of Saskatoon, gardeners, and CHEP. It is important that our garden be a well-maintained organic, garden site that enhances our neighbourhood and fosters good relations with neighbours. The garden is subject to regular inspections by the District Superintendent during the growing season. Under the agreement with the City, the City has the right to terminate our agreement with them if the collective receives two or more “noxious weed” letters in one growing season.

Gardner's Agreement

1. I will attend the orientation meeting in the spring.
2. I will participate in the full garden season. I will plant my plot by June 15th, maintain it all summer long, and will leave my plot clean after the assigned clean up date. Plots will be reassigned the following year due to lack of gardener participation.
3. I will not plant perennials, small shrubs, rhubarb, asparagus, raspberries, horse radish, or corn, sunflowers and other vegetables which shade other crops.
4. I will participate in the communal spring set-up and fall clean-up of the garden, dates to be determined.
5. I will only use our contact list for communicating about garden related matters.
6. I will supervise my children and pets when I am in the garden.
7. I will keep my plot weeded, share responsibility with weeding pathways and other communal spots, and harvest my produce when it is ready. **If I plant vine vegetables, I will be mindful of runners and ensure that they don't encroach upon my neighbour's plot.
8. I will arrange for someone to take care of my plot if I go away for longer than one week's time. I will notify the garden collective of this individual and their contact information should they need to be contacted or require assistance from the collective.
9. I will pick produce only from my plot and designated communal plots.
10. I will shut off the water when I finish watering and I will water responsibly, particularly not during the heat of the day.
11. I will park my vehicle on the road and not drive or park on the garden or on grassed areas. All wheeled carts, strollers, bicycles will remain outside of the garden perimeter.
12. I will return tools to the storage unit and ensure that the unit is locked. I will not share the combination of the lock with others who are not part of the Community Garden. Exceptions are only permitted if gardener will be away for an extended period of time, see point #8.

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13. I will use no chemical herbicides or pesticides or fertilizers in the garden. Information on gardening organically is available online. The garden will be organically fertilized at the beginning of the gardening season. Compost will be provided for gardener use.

14. I will not sell my produce. Extra produce can be donated through the collective.

15. If I cannot continue gardening, I will tell a member of the garden committee. If my plot is not maintained, a member of the garden committee will attempt to contact me. If contact cannot be established, or if conditions have not improved within two weeks, the plot will be considered abandoned and will be reassigned. Annual fee will not be reimbursed if plot is reassigned.

16. I recognize that this garden is public land and as such it may be vandalized. I will assist in promoting the security of the garden.

17. I understand that neither the garden group nor the owners of the land are responsible for my actions. Therefore I agree to *HOLD HARMLESS* the garden group and the owners of the land for any liability, damage, loss or claim that occurs in connection with the use of the garden by me or any of my guests.

18. I agree to maintain my garden plot in full conformity with the agreement that was signed by the garden committee and the City of Saskatoon.

The well-being of this garden is our SHARED RESPONSIBILITY. If you notice that something is not as it should be, please respond accordingly - either correct the problem (minor issues such as litter or weeds in communal areas) or for more severe matters contact a member of the garden committee.

Funding Commitment

There is an annual membership fee of \$25.00 for use of a plot in the Lawson Heights Garden. This is to fund supplies, soil amendments, and site improvements.

Thanks for your gardening enthusiasm and for making this incredible community garden possible!
With your help, the Lawson Heights Garden will thrive. We look forward to an exciting season of growth, learning and, most importantly, fun!!

Phone and email: All gardeners are required to share their phone number and email address with garden leaders. In addition, a gardener phone and email list will be shared amongst all gardeners.

Photo permission: Photographs of the garden and gardeners will be taken and shared with the public. Please check here:

- if you give your permission for your photo to be published.
- if you **do not** give your permission for your photo to be published.

If you do not give your permission, please let photographers know when you encounter them in the garden.

I have read, understand and agree to the responsibilities listed in this gardener's agreement. By signing this form and submitting your annual payment of \$25.00 your application will be complete and a plot assigned.

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Name(s) (print): _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Signature

Date

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