



Ensuring an enjoyable gardening experience for everyone is the primary goal of these timelines & responsibilities.

Please work to keep the garden a happy, safe and enjoyable place where all participants can garden peacefully and in a neighbourly manner.



GRAVENHURST COMMUNITY GARDEN

Timelines & Responsibilities

REGISTRATION AND TIMELINES

Registration for the general public begins **March 1**. Each person must apply each year for a plot, but returning gardeners will be given first preference and permitted to keep the same plot if they wish. The number of plots will initially be limited to 2 plots per household; available on a first-come, first served basis.

After **May 1**, any remaining plots that are not reserved will be considered available and offered to registered gardeners as additional plots to the initial 2 plot maximum. Any plots remaining after **May 15** will be planted as community plots.

Gardeners will pay an annual plot rental fee of **\$15.00** per plot, which is non-refundable. Garden plots are transferable by notice to the Town of Gravenhurst.

If a gardener is unable to continue gardening or wishes to cancel mid-season, he/she shall notify the Town so the plot(s) may be re-assigned.

The period of the plot rental shall be seasonal. Fall clean-up of the garden is required. All plant material, crops and personal property belonging to the gardener must be removed by **October 31**.

After this date, any of the above noted items shall be disposed of at the discretion of the Town and there shall be no liability of such disposal.

TOWN RESPONSIBILITIES

-Location and layout of the community garden plots/planter boxes will be determined by the Town of Gravenhurst. Raised garden boxes will be 4 feet by 4 feet and available in three different heights – 12", 24" & 36".

-Town staff will supply, place and maintain garbage and recycling containers, as well as a compost area, as part of routine property maintenance. Town staff will remove litter, waste and debris as required.

Address:

101 Centennial Dr.
Gravenhurst, ON

Registration:

Gravenhurst Centennial Centre
Monday – Friday
8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
705-687-6774

Facebook:

Gravenhurst Community Garden
[facebook.com/GravenhurstGarden](https://www.facebook.com/GravenhurstGarden)

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Website:

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-Town staff will conduct regular inspection of garden boxes and the garden area. If any contravention of the rules is found, it may result in cancellation of the gardener's privileges.

-The Town reserves the right to discontinue the program at any time with written notice to all gardeners.

GARDENERS' RESPONSIBILITIES

-Gardeners are responsible for supervising those individuals they bring to the garden including other adults, youth and children.

-Gardeners will grow food based crops and companion plants.

-Plots must be worked on throughout the duration of the gardening season, generally understood to be May 1 through October 31, subject to weather conditions. If you are away for an extended period during the growing season, you must find someone to look after your plot in your absence. If you can't find someone, inform the Gardener Liaison so that other arrangements can be made.

-Gardeners are responsible to maintain their individual plots and the garden site as a whole. Laneways and paths are to be kept clear of obstacles.

-Be considerate of your neighbours. Do not plant sprawling crops or tall ones that might interfere with others. Harvest only from your assigned plot or from community plots. Keep insects and weeds under control as much as possible.

-If tools and personal property are left on site, the Town is not responsible for theft or damage.

-Pesticide and herbicide use is banned. Garden soil has been amended with compost and organic material to aid in fertilization and drainage.

-Gardeners will dispose of garden waste in the area provided.

-Smoking is prohibited on Town property as per the Smoke-Free Outdoor Spaces Bylaw # 2012-149.

-Pets are not allowed in the garden.

-Alterations to the planter boxes will not be allowed, other than non-permanent trellis, stakes and plant supports.

VANDALISM/DAMAGE

Please report any damage or vandalism to the planter boxes or garden site to the Gardener Liaison or the Town. Repairs will be made by Town staff in a timely manner. The Town will not be responsible for theft from the planter boxes or damage to plants.