



*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.*

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# 2021 GRAVENHURST COMMUNITY GARDEN

## Timelines & Responsibilities

### REGISTRATION AND TIMELINES

Registration for the general public will begin **April 6, 2021**. Gardeners 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.

Staff will endeavor to have the garden prepped and ready for planting, dependent on weather, by **May 1**. After **May 1**, any remaining plots will be offered to registered gardeners as additional plots to the initial 2 plot maximum.

After **June 3**, if any registered plots have not been planted, they will be considered available and offered to:

- (1) anyone on a waiting list
- (2) other registered gardeners or
- (3) will be planted as community plots

Gardeners will pay an annual plot rental fee of **\$15.00** per plot, which is non-refundable, plus a **\$10.00** refundable deposit should the crops be removed on time. Garden plots are transferrable 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 17**. If crops are not removed by this date, the \$10.00 deposit will not be refunded.

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' by 4' 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.

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.