

# Rosscarrock Community Garden

## Garden Guidelines & Gardener's Agreement

Gardener's Agreement incorporating Garden Guidelines

Name: (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Community Association membership number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

This is what I agree to while gardening:

*Pesticide Free (Initial)* \_\_\_\_\_

- Use no synthetic chemical pesticides, insecticides, herbicides or fertilizers.
- Use finished compost for soil enhancement instead of animal manures because of E. coli health risk.
- No smoking in the garden no permit any guests visiting my plot to smoke.

### *Participation*

- Respect other gardeners.
- Limit of one garden bed per gardener or garden family if there is a waitlist.
- Take responsibility for any non-gardeners accompanying me to the garden.
- Ensure children are supervised at all times.
- Pets are kept on a leash and picked up after.

### *Appearance*

- Keep weeds, garbage and litter out of my garden bed and the paths around that garden.
- Spend 15 minutes a week or 1 hour a month to help maintain paths and common areas.
- Have my garden bed planted by June 15 or it will be given to a gardener on the waiting list.
- Seeds, seedlings, compost, tomato cages, gardening hand tools, and crop labels are my responsibility.

### *Watering*

- Water available in the garden may be untreated and must not be used as drinking water.
- Rain harvested for edible crops is currently not permitted on public land due to health and safety concerns. Rainwater harvesting is fine for ornamental flowers, shrubs and trees.
- During drought and water rationing periods, hand watering only can be used.
- Conserve water and do not use hoses that leak.

### **Promises & Responsibilities**

- Participate in spring and fall cleanups.
- Grow no invasive plants species. (list will be available in Garden Shed).
- Follow composting and mulching guidelines as provided by the garden committee shared in composting learning session.
- Deal with insect and weed infestations quickly and organically to prevent spread to other beds. For garden- wide infestations the garden team consults the City of Calgary Integrated Pest Management (IPM).
- Act as Garden Angel/ Garden Hero/ Heroine for one week during the summer. During this week I check the entire garden each day.
- Pick produce when it is ripe.
- Only pick produce and flowers from my garden bed.
- Clean shared garden tools and put them back into the storage shed after using them
- Restrict crops which grow over 4 ft. In height to a maximum row length of 4 ft. So as not to shade neighbouring beds.
- Use trellises that are stable in the weather conditions and do not shade other garden beds,
- Recycle materials that can be recycled.

### **Fun & Friendly Gardening**

- I'm invited to all social gardening times such as planting days, potlucks, weeding Wednesdays, sheet mulching parties and events in the garden (music, art, gardening, yoga, gardening coaching sessions).
- Dates and times of any events will be posted on the community association web page at [www.rosscarrock.org](http://www.rosscarrock.org).
- Gardeners are encouraged to attend learning opportunities hosted by the Community Garden Resource Network of the Calgary Horticultural Society. Event notices will be sent out by email.
- I will ask another gardener to water and harvest ripe produce from my garden when I am away.
- I will clean out and prepare my garden bed for winter and protect the soil from erosion by October 31.
- Ripe produce from that is not harvested after reminder messages will be harvested at the end of the garden season and donated to organizations assisting hungry families or tilled into the ground to enhance the soil.
- If I do not carry out these steps the garden team can re-assign the garden bed I have abandoned to someone on the garden waiting list after being contacted 2 times by phone and email.

### **Garden Bed Rental**

This garden bed rental agreement is for the period between April 1 and October 31, 2021.

Cost for one season is \$25.

Additional people participating in this garden bed include: \_\_\_\_\_

Gardeners must purchase and possess a community association membership. (Community association memberships are sold by the community association.)

Garden bed rental fees for gardeners of Rosscarrock Community are refundable before May 1, 2021 and non-refundable after that date.

By May 1, people new to the garden are assigned garden beds in order by the date they signed up on the waiting list.

**Garden Bed Rental Terms**

Gardeners resident in the Rosscarrock Community have first priority for garden beds.

Each gardener can rent one garden bed and that particular bed is reserved for one season only.

I am not permitted to give my bed away. I understand the garden coordinator assigns the garden bed rental.

If I do not care for the garden bed (seeding, planting, weeding, watering, harvesting), I will be notified 2 times by phone and email. The garden team will rent it to the next person on the garden wait list.

The garden team will assume I have abandoned the garden bed if I have not attended to it within 7 days after the 2 attempts to contact me has been made.

**Liability**

Signing this agreement absolves Rosscarrock Community from any liability, financial or otherwise which may result from negligence or the inappropriate use of power and hand tools, either by myself or by others.

**As a garden member I agree to be responsible for the completion and maintenance of this task**

Spring clean-up

My Garden Bed (spring prep, planting, water and weed maintenance, harvest, winter prep)

Garden Angel/ Garden Hero Team

Watering Team

Fall/Winter Clean-up

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Witness:** \_\_\_\_\_

