



Town of Torbay Community Garden Guidelines

The Torbay Community Garden is an important part of our community, increasing access to fresh, local food and instilling a strong sense of community.

Please read the following requirements carefully. It is the responsibility of each gardener to be familiar with and adhere to the guidelines stated in this agreement. Please note that the Torbay Community Garden committee is referred to below as the TCGC.

Guidelines

1. These guidelines are for the growing season and may be subject to change throughout the season as needed. I understand that I will be notified of any changes by the TCGC and may have to sign a new agreement form.
2. All gardeners are required to complete a registration form. There is no fee for a plot.
3. All gardeners will be given a box number, which will be placed along with the gardener's name on a plot.
 - **Gardeners assigned even numbered beds can access the community garden on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.**
 - **Gardeners assigned odd numbered beds can access the community garden on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday.**
4. All community garden members will be provided with a personal gardening tool kit upon the opening of the garden for the season.
5. I understand that if I do not maintain my plot and the immediate area surrounding it, necessary action may be taken by the TCGC and my plot may be reassigned to another applicant on the waiting list. I may also be denied a plot in subsequent years. Maintenance includes regular watering, weeding, and general care.
6. **Access to the community garden will begin on June 10, and not before unless otherwise notified.** I understand that I must use my plot by July 1, and if I can not be reached by the TCGC, my plot may be reassigned.
7. I understand that there is NO access to the community garden on Sunday.
8. If I must be away from my plot for any reason and for more than two (2) consecutive weeks, it is my responsibility to make arrangements for care. If arrangements cannot be made, I will notify the TCGC.
9. If I reassign my plot to a family member or friend, I understand that I have to notify the TCGC and that this may not be permitted, pending a waitlist for plots.
10. I understand that only one household bubble is to tend to a plot at a time.
11. I understand that all plants, fertilizers, herbicides/pesticides that I use must meet TCGC recommendations. If I am unsure if a plant/product that I wish to use is following guidelines, I agree to ask the TCGC first to confirm if I am permitted to proceed with said plant/product. Please see garden bulletin board for a

summary of these guidelines.

12. I agree to plant tall crops (higher than 1 metre) only when they will not shade surrounding plots. If I wish to plant a crop higher than 1 metre, I will contact the TCGC to possibly assign an appropriate plot.
13. I agree to be careful with invasive species and vining crops, such as cucumber and squash, to be sure that they are not a safety hazard in walkways and do not invade neighbouring plots.
14. I agree to put weeds and dead plants in the composting area provided. Any disease plants or invasive weeds/seeds are to be bagged and put in the trash so as not to contaminate the gardens.
15. I understand that not all vegetables, grains, berries, fruits, beans, herbs, and flowers are permitted; whereas trees and other woody plants are not permitted to be planted in my plot.
16. I understand that the growing of marijuana in the Torbay Community Garden plots is strictly prohibited.
17. I agree to water plants with the recommended procedures outlined by the TCGC. Please see garden bulletin board for procedures.
18. I agree to pick only my own crops unless given permission by another plot owner. I understand the requirement to harvest my own produce in a timely manner so that it will not fall to the ground and attract unwanted pests to the garden.
19. I agree to clean up waste of any kind from my plot, and to keep my plot, the adjacent walkways, and the garden as a whole neat and tidy.
20. At the end of the gardening season, all dead plants and non-plant materials (i.e. string, wire, etc.) must be removed and disposed of properly and all gardens are left neat and tidy. Ensure your garden is cleaned up by October 16.
- 21. I understand that there will be NO access to the greenhouse or the shed.**
22. I understand that each person is using tools at their own risks. I must provide my own gloves and gardening tools or use the personal gardening kit provided by the Town of Torbay. **Tools and gloves are NOT to be shared with anyone outside of my household bubble.**
- 23. I understand that no more than 10 people are to be in the garden at one time.** Please count the number of people in the garden prior to entering.
24. I understand that no one under the age of eighteen years will participate in the garden without close adult supervision by a member of their household bubble.
25. I understand that those who are ill and/or are part of an at-risk population (i.e. elderly, immunocompromised, etc.) are asked not to visit the community garden.
26. I understand that either the Town of Torbay council, staff, or the TCGC are not responsible for my actions.
27. I therefore agree NOT to hold the Town of Torbay council, staff, or the TCGC responsible for any liability, damage, loss, or claim that occurs in connection to the use of the Torbay Community Garden by myself or my guests.

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All members are asked to take precautions to help slow the spread of COVID-19, including:

- Stay home if you are sick.
- Maintain physical distancing of at least 2 meters/6 feet from others when you are in the garden.
- Use your own tools and gardening gloves and do NOT share them with anyone else.
- Wear a non-medical mask, if available.
- Practice proper hand hygiene by washing your hands or using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol when entering and exiting the garden.
- Cover your cough/sneeze with the bend of your elbow.

Name: _____

Email Address: _____ Contact phone number: _____

I have read, understand, and agree to adhere to the above stated guidelines.

Signature: _____ Date: _____