

# CYPRESS COMMUNITY GARDEN at 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue SOCIETY

## 2023-2024

November 1, 2023 to October 31, 2024

### Membership Rules and Guidelines

1. I am a resident of the City of Vancouver. I will pay a non-refundable annual membership fee of \$30, due November 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. I understand that if I do not pay my membership fee by the due date, I risk losing my plot and my plot may be reassigned immediately. I understand that it is my responsibility to ensure that my membership form and fees are received by November 1<sup>st</sup> of each membership year.
2. I will use only organic gardening practices and will NOT use chemical fertilizers or pesticides or herbicides. I will have dug over and cleaned my plot by April 15<sup>th</sup> and started planting by May 15<sup>th</sup>. **I will not dig out, divide, prune, harvest or cut vegetables or plants belonging to other members' plots, or from the curb side or north side of individual Sections, or from Common Areas without permission from the Section Rep in charge of the Section, or for Common areas, from the Coordinator in charge of that area (Bird Garden, Burrard End garden, Perennial Garden).**
3. If I use garden composters, I will follow garden compost guidelines - no weeds, diseased plants, rocks, kitchen scraps or any non-organic materials (e.g. plastic) in the compost. Plant materials will be chopped into pieces no longer than 4". There is NO worm composting in the garden (too hot in garden and kitchen scraps not permitted in garden). Note: Compost is toxic for dogs: I will not dump compost, vegetables or plant waste in the garden area or on City land or the Greenway.
4. I will be the primary gardener of my plot throughout the garden season. If I will be away for part of the growing season, or if I am unable to garden for any other reason I will inform my Section Rep and Coordinators. I will not re-assign my plot. All Garden plots may only be reassigned by the Cypress Garden Coordinators. Leaving a plot untended or with weeds can lead to forfeiting membership.
5. I will not leave plastics, tarps, garbage, plastic pots, cardboard, detritus or personal belongings in my plot, section, Common Areas nor will I leave or place any of these on the Arbutus Greenway or City land. I will not plant, build or add to Common Areas without permission from Coordinators.
6. I will maintain/weed the areas immediately surrounding my plot. This includes the areas outside the Section fence on the North, and to the south along the curb. I will maintain the structure of my plot, repairing/replacing any wood as necessary. Re-builds/repairs must leave a minimum 18" path between plots. I will not use treated wood or other potentially toxic materials in or around my plot. Any trellis supports will be placed so as not to block light to other plots and will be of a suitable design. Tomato or vegetable coverings will not exceed 3 feet in height and will not cover more than half the plot.
7. I will harvest crops as they mature. I will remove dead/diseased plants or litter from my plot & surrounding areas. I will cover plants susceptible to blight *before* the rains begin, to prevent infection. I will remove plants that have gone to seed, to prevent them from spreading to neighbouring plots. I will "winterize" my garden by November 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. I will respect the City and Garden requirements in all areas.
8. I will participate in 4 Work Parties: Spring and Fall garden Work Parties, and 2 Work Parties hosted by my Section. (See Website for Schedule). If I cannot attend any one of these, I will contact my Section Rep beforehand and will arrange make up work. Work Party fulfillment is required for renewal.
9. I will use the water system only as needed; make sure the water is turned off and not dripping when completed; and to prevent spotting and burning, I will not spray neighbouring plots or plantings (sprayed water burns flowers and leaves in the sun). I will not water other gardener's plots unless requested.

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10. I understand that the garden is a community endeavour and that respect for my plot neighbours and fellow gardeners is a basic rule of membership. Inebriation in the garden will not be tolerated. Unruly, aggressive or disruptive behavior will not be tolerated and will lead to the forfeit of membership.
11. I will advise my Section Rep of any change of address, email or phone so that I can be contacted regarding Work Parties and garden business. I understand that if I do not advise my Section Rep of any changes and cannot be contacted I may lose my garden privileges and my plot will be reassigned. I will advise my Section Rep and the Coordinator if I choose to terminate my garden membership. (Membership fees are non-refundable after March).
12. I understand that the Garden Coordinators have the authority to withdraw my garden membership if I do not follow one or more of the guidelines and rules stated above. I understand that a Garden Coordinator will contact me by email or in writing before withdrawing garden privileges due to non-compliance.
13. I understand that neither the garden group, the Cypress Community Garden, nor the City of Vancouver is responsible for my actions. I agree to hold harmless the garden group, Cypress Community Garden and the City of Vancouver for any liability, damage, and loss or claim that may occur in connection with the use of the garden by me or by any visitor to my garden plot.