



Ramsay Community Garden

COMMUNITY GARDENER AGREEMENT & GARDEN RULES

The following Rules and Guidelines have been designed to facilitate:

- A safe and tidy community garden
- A gratifying environment in which to work
- A pleasant view for gardeners, neighbours, and the general public to experience

The Rules:

1. Gardeners will pay an annual plot rental fee (in addition to their RCA membership)
2. The period of plot rental shall be May-October.
3. Commit the time to regular gardening.
 - a. Growing flowers/herbs/vegetables in a community plot is a very unique style of gardening with great benefits and some tough challenges that home gardeners don't experience. The distance from your home often limits how frequently you can visit your garden and the difficulty of managing your garden from afar. If you're not careful, these challenges can make community gardening feel more like a burden than a joy.
4. New Gardeners – Online garden registration will open in March, and names will be added to the garden wait list once all plots have been filled.
5. If a gardener is unable to continue gardening, they shall notify the Garden Committee. Gardeners wishing to cancel mid-season should notify the Garden Committee so that plots may be reassigned. There will be no fee reimbursement and all above ground material, including stakes, must be removed by the gardener.
6. The Planting deadline is June 15. If there are no visible signs of planting by then, the plot will be considered abandoned and may be reassigned to the next person on the waitlist.
7. Gardeners shall keep their plots weeded and tidy, and maintain the pathway surrounding their plot.
8. If a gardener's garden bed is unkempt, they will be given two (2) weeks notice to clean it up. If they do not comply, their bed may be reassigned and their annual fee forfeited at the discretion of the Garden Committee.
9. All tools must be returned to the tool bench when you are done.
10. Because plot usage is seasonal, a fall cleanup is required.
11. All dogs must be on a leash and are not permitted to roam freely in the gardens. Owners must pick up after pets and bring the waste away with them.
12. Smoking on the garden property is prohibited.



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Volunteer Schedule: The Garden Gnomes

We cannot run the garden without dedicated volunteers.

- Each renter will be responsible for one week of the season where they perform general upkeep and monitoring of the community garden (rotating/flipping compost, pathway clean up, general cleanup). If there are any large issues they can be reported to the garden committee at the following email: communitygarden@ramsaycalgary.ca
- Garden Gnome sign up is first come first served and can be found at the following link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4AADAF29A7FDC52-garden>

Vacation schedules:

It is the responsibility of the individual gardener to arrange for watering and maintenance of their plot if they should be away for an extended period of time. Please either connect with that week's Garden Gnome volunteer or contact the Garden Committee at communitygarden@ramsaycalgary.ca