

Sharing Backyards – Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Who can participate?

A: At this time, the Burnaby Food First chapter of Sharing Backyards is targeted to Burnaby residents. For other cities, visit the Sharing Backyards website to check whether there is a program in your area.

Q: Can you match me with a garden / gardener?

A: Sharing Backyards does not specifically match people with space. We provide an easy way for you to search for what you need within your community, whether it be land to garden or some help with your land. Post a clear listing detailing your needs, and be sure to browse the other listings to see if anyone's offering what you're looking for.

Q: How do I know who to let use my garden?

A: We suggest treating your yard sharing arrangement the same way you would if you were looking for roommates -- ask some questions, be prepared to answer some questions, and, if satisfied, arrange a time and place to meet to discuss details or interview your prospective garden-pal. We suggest you meet in a location away from your home, such as a coffee shop or community centre if you'd like to meet them before bringing them to your home.

Q: Do you have a contract that can be used as a legal document between garden sharers?

A: Not at the moment. However, we do have a [program agreement template](#). Please note that this IS NOT a legal agreement.

Q: Do it cost anything to use the Sharing Backyards program?

A: Participating in the program is free. However, connected participants are expected to cover their own gardening costs (e.g. soil, seeds, gardening tools etc.).

Q: I don't know how to garden – can Sharing Backyards help?

A: Burnaby Food First, which runs the Burnaby chapter of Sharing Backyards, regularly offers workshops on gardening and food preservation. Check out the latest workshops [here](#). Burnaby Food First also has some volunteer gardeners who may be available to give you advice. To request a consultation, please [email us](#).