



CHATHAM-KENT COMMUNITY GARDENS

GARDENERS CODE OF CONDUCT CONTRACT (FORM #3C)

1. The garden is intended to be a place of secure enjoyment for all. As a participating gardener, I will follow respectful, considerate, friendly and helpful behaviour in my relations with my fellow gardeners.
2. I will maintain my garden plot organically which means no chemical fertilizers, herbicides or pesticides will be used, unless there are extenuating circumstances and prior approval was requested through the Chatham-Kent Community Garden Committee.
3. I will have something planted in my garden by June 15 and keep it planted all season long.
4. I will keep weeds down and maintain the areas immediately surrounding my plot. If my plot becomes unkempt, I understand that I will be given two weeks notice to clean it up. After that time, it will be reassigned or tilled in.
5. I will pick only my own crops unless given permission by the plot user. I will help to maintain any common garden areas such as herb gardens, etc.
6. I will help and cooperate with general garden work at the site. I am responsible for my own clean up. I will take all litter and garbage with me when I leave the site.
7. Because plot usage is seasonal, a fall cleanup is required. All above ground material shall be removed from assigned plots by the gardener by November 15th, unless he/she has reserved the same plot for the following year, in which case only perennials and mulches may remain.
8. All structures must be approved by the Building Department of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent. Installation of any fencing, boards, or any other materials to enclose the individual garden plots will require consent from the garden committee.
9. I will supervise my children at all times.
10. Pets are permitted on the garden site but must be supervised/controlled at all times. You are responsible for picking up after your pet.
11. Smoking is not allowed on the garden site at any time.
12. Gasoline and any other flammable or toxic substances shall not be brought to or stored on the garden site. Motor vehicles must be parked in the designated parking area and not on or beside the roadway.
13. The gardener shall promptly report any vandalism, theft or other concerns to the garden committee. Any damage to assigned plots shall be repaired by their respective gardeners in a timely manner.
14. The Gardener must not sell his/her garden produce or use the garden plot to generate income. Donations of some produce to local food banks or soup kitchens is acceptable.

15. The Gardener shall not plant corn or any other tall crops where they will shade another gardeners plot. Trees and other woody plants are not allowed on garden plots unless the gardener can demonstrate that there will not be a negative effect. Vegetables, grains, berries, fruits, beans, herbs (annual and perennials) are allowed on garden plots. Flowers are permitted within plots provided. In some gardens it may be permitted to have communal plant or food trees areas.
16. Gardeners must be present during watering. Please use water sparingly and be mindful of water available in rain barrels for other gardeners.
17. All rain barrels must be covered sufficiently to prevent the growth of mosquito larvae.
18. Gardeners must abide by all applicable Municipality of Chatham-Kent By-Laws.
19. All disputes between gardeners that are not able to be resolved by the garden site coordinator will be resolved by staff from the Chatham-Kent Public Health Unit.
20. I understand that the garden sponsor, the Chatham-Kent Community Garden Committee, the Chatham-Kent Public Health Unit, the Municipality of Chatham-Kent or the owner of the land are not responsible for my actions.

I have read and understand the above rules and agree with them as conditions of my membership in the garden.

Name: _____ (Please Print)

Signature: _____

Date : _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

The above information is being collected for the sole purpose of maintaining contact with the garden coordinator/ Chatham-Kent Public Health Unit and it will not be released to an outside group without written permission from the signed gardener.