



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, please follow respectful, considerate, friendly, and helpful behaviour in relations with fellow gardeners.
 - a. Gardeners must abide by all applicable Municipality of Chatham-Kent By-Laws. Any issues, concerns, or disputes will first be brought to the Garden Coordinator and if unable to resolve will be brought to staff at CK Public Health for resolution.
2. Communication: Garden coordinators and gardeners will share messages, provide updates, and reminders either via a communication board (in the shed at a garden site), Facebook, email, or in person.
3. Gardeners will maintain their 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*.
4. Gardeners will have something planted in their garden by **May 15th** and keep it planted all season long.
5. Gardeners will keep weeds down and maintain the areas immediately surrounding their plot. They are responsible for ensuring that the garden area is kept free of garbage. Gardeners will not bring garbage from home and leave it onsite. If the plot becomes unkept, gardeners will be given two weeks' notice (via email or in person) to clean it up. After that time, it will be reassigned or tilled in.
6. Gardeners will pick only their own crops unless given permission by another plot user.
7. Gardeners will help maintain any common garden areas such as herb gardens, etc. And will help and cooperate with general garden work at the site.
8. Plot usage is seasonal so fall cleanup is required to be completed by all gardeners. All above ground material shall be removed from assigned plots by the gardener by **November 15th**, unless the gardener has reserved the same plot for the following year, in which case only perennials and mulches may remain.
9. All structures must be approved by the Building Department of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent. Installation of fencing, boards, or any other materials to enclose the individual garden plots will require consent from the CK Community Garden Committee*.
10. Gardeners must always supervise their children.
11. Pets are permitted on the garden site but must be always supervised and controlled. Gardeners are responsible for picking up after their pet.
12. Smoking or vaping of any kind is not allowed on the garden site at any time.
13. Gasoline and any other flammable or toxic substances shall not be brought to or stored on the garden site. All vehicles must be parked in designated parking areas.

14. Gardeners shall promptly report any vandalism, theft, or other concerns to the Garden Coordinator. Any damage to assigned plots shall be repaired by their respective gardeners in a timely manner.
15. Gardeners must not sell their garden produce or use the garden plot to generate income. Donations of some produce to local food banks, soup kitchens or giving to family and friends is acceptable.
16. Gardeners shall not plant corn or any other tall crops where they will shade another gardener's plot. Trees and other woody plants are not allowed on garden plots unless the gardener can demonstrate that there will be not a negative effect. **Marijuana** plants are not allowed on garden plots. Vegetables, grains, berries, fruits, beans, herbs (annual and perennials), and flowers permitted within plots provided. In some gardens it may be permitted to have communal plots or food tree areas.
17. Gardeners must be present during watering. Please use water sparingly and be mindful of water available in rain barrels for other gardeners. All rain barrels must be covered sufficiently to prevent the growth of mosquito larvae.
18. Gardeners understand the garden sponsor, the Chatham-Kent Community Garden Committee, CK Public Health, the Municipality of Chatham-Kent or the owner of the land are not responsible for their 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/ CK Public Health and it will not be released to an outside group without written permission from the signed gardener.

*To contact the CK Garden Committee, please email sharminib@chatham-kent.ca

