



# Community Garden Guidelines



Yellowhead Community Services Community Garden welcomes you! We are excited about food sustainability and are happy to provide a plot of soil for you to grow food for your household. To ensure that each individual's garden bed-plot is respected and the purpose of the community garden is preserved, we request that you adhere to the following guidelines.

What you get:

- A raised box of garden soil, with a timed watering system
- A 5 gallon pail (to be used for measuring compost, weed collection, harvesting, a seat etc)
- Access to shared tools: shovel, rake, wheelbarrow, hand tools, hoses, watering can, potting bench
- Access to the garden at any time of your choosing
- An share of finished compost from the shared compost pile
- A share of the fruit from the shared plantings

Every gardener that signs up to use a plot at the garden agrees to:

- Plant mostly food-producing plants
- Keep your boxes weeded
- Refrain from using any herbicides, pesticides or toxic chemicals in the garden
- Be respectful towards other gardeners, YCS staff and members of the public
- Keep the base of your boxes weeded to prevent quack grass from creeping in
- Refrain from planting invasive plants
- Dispose of noxious weeds, quack grass roots and weed seed heads in the noxious weed bin
- Add young weeds and plant material to the shared compost bin
- Participate in garden work-bees and/or fundraisers and/or sign up for a garden job as you are able
- Notify garden coordinator of any damage, missing items or problems in the garden
- Put away all shared tools in the tool shed neatly and lock when not in use
- Be responsible for all personal items and obtain permission from garden coordinator to store on site
- Be responsible for improving the soil of your own bed as needed
- Check with garden coordinator before undertaking any construction, plantings or modifications to the garden area outside of your designated box
- Share the harvest of the fruit trees, grapes, berries and rhubarb with the other gardeners
- Renew your plot lease with coordinator each year
- Notify the coordinator if you no longer wish to maintain your plots (s)
- Enjoy the fruits (and vegetables) of your labours!

- **Questions? Call the Community Garden Coordinator Joanna at 250-64-3530 or email [joanna.h@yellowheadcs.ca](mailto:joanna.h@yellowheadcs.ca)**