



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!

****** The purpose of this garden is to be productive growing food. If any garden box has not been planted by May 31st and arrangements have not been made with the coordinator for alternate growing plans, the garden box will be automatically returned to the coordinator for re-assignment******

Questions? Call the Community Garden Coordinator Joanna at 250-64-3530 or email joanna.h@yellowheadcs.ca

Tool Shed lock combo: 08-30-00

Community Garden Sign Up Sheet

Date: _____ New application Renewal

Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

- Please assign me a plot OR

Box number(s) requested:

- 1 5 9 13
- 2 6 10 14
- 3 7 11 15
- 4 8 12 16

Please check what days/times work better for you to attend work bees in general:

- I am not able to attend work bees
- Mondays Fridays Mornings
- Tuesdays Saturdays Afternoons
- Wednesdays Sundays Evenings
- Thursdays

Garden Job requested (optional but appreciated!) See job descriptions on page 3

- Pruning - Fruit Trees Tool Shed/Tools Compost and Noxious Weeds
- Berries Mowing and Line Trimming
- Herb/Pollinator Garden

What is your experience level with gardening?

- No experience, new gardener
- Some experience, comfortable with the basics
- Very experienced

If you are very experienced, are you willing to be a garden mentor or lead workshops?

- Yes No Maybe, need more information

Do you need support with your gardening? If so, what type of support?

- Physical support and movement (digging, lifting etc)
- Educational support and direction
- Financial support (seeds and supplies etc)

Garden Job Descriptions (optional but appreciated!)

Job: Watering System - Coordinator will do this job

- Spring: (After May 10 and before May 31) – connect all hoses, splitters and pipes to taps and program timer. Ensure system is operating correctly. Make repairs as needed.
- Ongoing: Ensure timer is reset at the beginning of every month so as to comply with District watering guidelines (even days). Monitor soil moisture levels and correct the timed length of system to ensure that beds are not over or under-watered.
- Winter: (after Sept 15 and before Oct 1) - disconnect system, drain and store all pipes, hoses and fittings and timer neatly in shed

Job: Compost and Noxious Weeds

- Gather compostable materials and ensure garden refuse, clippings/peelings and noxious weeds are placed in appropriate receptacles. (composting handbook available from garden coordinator)
- Dispose of noxious weeds when can is full (use orange bags provided and place in garbage bin in parking lot)
- Turn and water compost pile as needed throughout season.
- Distribute finished compost equally among gardeners using the 5 gal pails.

Job: Tools and Shed

- Ensure that YCS tools are stored correctly and accounted for. Make repairs and maintain as needed (oil handles, sharpen pruners etc.)

Job: Pruning – Fruit Trees

- Ensure all fruit tree and vines are pruned as and inspected for pests and diseases as needed. (pruning handbook available from garden coordinator)
- Train grape vines onto fence and arbors, trim excessive growth.
- Notify garden coordinator when fruit is ready to be picked.
- Ensure fallen fruit is cleaned up so as not to attract wildlife

Job: Berries (strawberries, honeyberries, boysenberries, black currant)

- Weed, water, thin, prune and fertilize as needed. Notify coordinator when fruit is ready to be picked (equipment and fertilizer/compost provided)

Job: Herb and Pollinator Garden

- Weed, water, prune and improve soil as needed. (compost provided)

Job: Mowing and Line Trimming

- Ensure grounds, pathways and fence lines are mowed, trimmed and weeded through-out season (equipment and fuel provided)