

COMMUNITY GARDEN PROGRAM REGISTRATION

By submitting your application to rent a Community Garden plot, you are accepting the full responsibilities and expectations listed in this document.

Agreement Requirements

1. The Town gives the Participant permission to use the designated portion of land as indicated below, for the sole purpose of a garden plot. The plantings must be confined to within the staked area of the Participant's assigned 5 m x 5 m plot.
2. The term of the Agreement shall be for the period of **May long weekend until Thanksgiving weekend**, unless terminated before by either parties.
3. The Participant will pay a non-refundable fee of \$30 for a garden plot (\$20 for a smaller plot) to be paid in full when this agreement is signed.
4. The Participant agrees to accept the garden plot as it stands, and agrees that there are no promises, representations or undertakings by The Town with respect to the condition of garden plot.
5. The Participant agrees to cultivate the garden plot in proper agricultural manner, taking care not to cause the land to deteriorate in any way.
6. The Participant agrees to use their best efforts and approved horticultural methods to prevent the growth of all weeds on the garden plot and walkways. If the Participant fails to do so, The Town will cultivate or mow the plot to prevent the spread of weed seeds after September 4th with NO notice to the Participant. In such an event, the Town will not be liable to the Participant for any damage to crops.
7. The Participant agrees to care for and harvest the crop and leave any plant material on the surface of the soil within the Participant's assigned garden plot.
8. The Participant agrees to dispose of all garbage from the garden plot, other than plant material, in a proper manner.
9. The Participant will ensure that the Participant or the Participant's family or invitees cause no nuisance or disturbance to other Participants or adjacent neighbours.
10. The Participant agrees to refrain from the trapping, poisoning or killing of any bird or animal on Community Garden land.
11. The Participant agrees to use the garden plot at their own risk. The Town is not liable in any way for any loss, injury or damage caused to any person while such person(s) is in or about the garden plots.
12. The Participant acknowledges having been informed that the Town will supply water to the garden plots.
13. The Participant releases The Town from any and all liability for any claims whatsoever arising out of damage to, loss of, or theft of the Participant's property kept or stored on the garden plot, including the crops grown in the garden plot.
14. If the Participant breaches or fails to perform any of the above points, then The Town may declare the Participant in default, declare the agreement null and void and repossess the land without any refund of rent.



Participant Expectations

Being a part of a community garden program provides great opportunities to grow healthy foods, beautiful flora, meet new people and enjoy our community through the growing season. The Town of Blackfalds is proud to provide the opportunity for our community to come together through the community garden program.

Like all activities, there is an expectation that participants will do their part to ensure that

the community garden program remains successful and enjoyable for all participants.

In addition, community gardeners are expected to be stewards of the entire garden area and therefore be responsible for reporting misuse of park areas, collecting litter, being responsible for the surrounding environment and keeping noise levels down. The following checklist of rules guides users through the appropriate activities for participating in this program.

1. Please respect the surrounding houses and residents by following these program expectations.
2. Parking for the community garden will be at the Blackfalds Multi-Plex and at the park entrance on Aspen Drive. There is absolutely no parking in alley ways and in front of residential houses surrounding the gardens and this area will be monitored by Town Bylaw Enforcement. Please see attached map for designated parking areas.
3. You are responsible for maintaining your garden plot. This includes weed and litter removal.
4. Only annual plants are permitted in your garden plot.
5. Individual garden plot boundaries will be staked and marked; boundary markers should not be removed.
6. Composting is permitted within your plot boundaries.
7. The Town of Blackfalds will provide a watering source at the site of the garden plots.
8. Pets are not permitted in the garden area.
9. It is recommended that gardens be treated as organic; the use of herbicides and pesticides is prohibited.
10. Be considerate of your neighbours; do not plant sprawling crops or tall ones that might interfere with the garden next to yours.
11. Please do not water, weed or prune other gardens unless requested to by that gardener.
12. Do not enter any private lands adjacent to the garden site.
13. If vandalism or theft occurs, notify the Parks Department at (403) 885-4677.
14. If you are not able to tend your plot, notify the Parks Department. Neglected plots will be either reassigned or tilled.
15. If you will be away during the growing season, ensure that someone will tend your plot.
16. At the end of the gardening season all plant materials, not including weeds, should be pulled from the ground and left on the surface of the soil.
17. Plots are assigned according to the waiting list maintained by the Parks & Facilities Manager.
18. Failure to comply with the above rules may result in the loss of gardening privileges.