

Coverdale Community: Garden Rules of the Row

Registration, Plots and Planting Dates

- Returning members shall be given preference each growing season. Returning members must register and pay for their garden plot between the first and last business day of March.
- Any new gardeners wishing to secure a plot for the upcoming growing season may register for an unclaimed plot between the first and last business days of April Annually.
- One plot will be issued per adult in the household, organization, or school. If any plots remain unclaimed by the first business day of May, a second plot may be reserved on a first come, first served basis.
- Payment of annual Garden fee of \$25 (tax extra) is required to secure your garden plot. Payment shall be submitted with your Registration Form at the Parks & Recreation office at 55 Biggs Drive. Payment options are cash, debit, visa or Mastercard.
- At the beginning of the garden season, gardeners will be given the combination to the garden gate lock. Gardeners must lock the gate upon their departure.
- Gardeners are responsible for the behavior of any guests that they bring to the garden, and all guests must follow the Rules of the Row.
- Garden plots shall be planted by the end of June, or the plot will be considered forfeit.
- Plots shall be harvested and cleared of debris no later than October 31st of each season.

Tending Your Plot

- Only insecticides and herbicides made with natural ingredients may be used, such as diatomaceous earth, carbolic soap, insecticidal soaps may be used within the garden.
- Dispose of weeds and plant materials in the compost bins provided.
- Species of plants that spread aggressively are not allowed within the garden beds. These include plants such as: All types of Mints, horseradish, fennel, etc. These plants are permitted within containers only.
- Be considerate of your neighbors. Do not cultivate plants that might interfere with other gardeners. Harvest only from your assigned plot and harvest ripened produce quickly. Plant tall crops where they shall not shade neighboring plots and plants.
- Members with garden beds who will be keeping them for future years shall be responsible for turnovers of their assigned garden beds.
- Plots that are weedy or do not meet the rules shall be notified. They must be weeded within 7 days of being contacted. Failure to respond within 14 days shall result in forfeiture of their plots.
- Gardeners are limited to the space within the boundary of their garden plot. Gardens may not exceed the space of the plot (in-ground 10 x 14 feet, raised bed 4 x 12 feet) any containers, plants, trellises, borders etc. must be contained within this space.
- Please notify Alicia Clarkson if you are no longer able to tend to your plot, will be absent for a long period of time, or have asked a friend to tend to your plot.
- Please refrain from watering your plots during the midday, especially on hot or windy days, as much of the water will be lost to evaporation.

Community Respect and Communal Areas:

- All pets in the garden must be leashed and cleaned up after at all times.
- Smoking/vaping in and around the Garden is prohibited.
- No debris of any kind shall be left on site. Take your personal garbage with you.
- The dumpsters at the Coverdale Centre are not to be used by gardeners at any time for any reason. All garden waste must be appropriately sorted and disposed of in the bins within the garden fence.
- Each member is responsible for weeding their own plot/bed as well as the pathway beside their plot, and the communal beds.
- Watering cans and a hose are provided. Only handheld nozzles are permitted. All other types of sprinklers and soakers shall not be used.
- Check with the Community Garden summer student staff and/or our Facebook page for news, upcoming events and tasks needing completion at the Garden.
- Clean all tools and return to their designated space after use.

Your compliance with the above Rules will help our community to have an enjoyable and prosperous Garden. Failure to comply with the Rules may result in a loss of future gardening privileges.

For more information or to share any ideas, questions and/or concerns please do not hesitate to contact Alicia Clarkson at aclarkson@townofriverview.ca