

GARDEN GUIDELINES 2010 FOR THE PERTH DUPONT COMMUNITY GARDEN

Please keep this copy for your personal reference

All gardeners and their guests are expected to observe the Community Gardens Program Regulations that is posted on the garden shed door, and the following gardening guidelines. This is to protect the rights of all the gardeners, and to help the community garden run in a smooth and efficient way, without stress.

1. As stated in the city's **Program Regulations**, if I have not started my plot by June 1st, I will receive a reminder from a member of the Communications Team. If they, or the Garden Coordinator have not received a reply, or if the plot still isn't started by June 15th, it will be given to the next person on the waiting list.

2. It is expected that I come to the garden at least once a week to care for my own garden plot, and to perform my garden support tasks.

3. I understand that if my plot is neglected for more then two weeks (plants that are wilting due to lack of water or that have produce falling to the ground), I will receive a warning and my ripe produce may be donated to The Stop Community Food Centre. If I have not made contact with the Communication Team or the Garden Coordinator, I understand that my plot will be given to the next person on the waiting list, or taken over by another member of the Perth Dupont Community Garden.

4. If I am unable to care for my garden for a period of time, due to an illnesses or family emergency, I will notify the Garden Coordinator.

As well, If I am going on vacation, I will notify the Communications Team or the Coordinator and let them know who will be caring for my garden while I am away. If it is not a Perth Dupont Community Garden member, I will make arrangements for the Garden Coordinator to meet this person.

5. If I have more food than I can use, I will tell the Garden Coordinator, and will help make arrangements to have it donated.

6. I understand that the produce from plot #19, **the Sharing Garden**, will be given to a charitable organization such as The Stop Community Food Centre. It is **not** for personal use.

7. I will keep my plants and gardening activity limited to my own plot. I will prevent my plants from sprawling onto walkways and adjacent gardens. I will stay out of other people's gardens, I will not plant, harvest or pull weeds in someone else's plot unless specifically invited by that gardener.

8. I understand that smoking cigarettes can spread the **Tobacco Mosaic Virus**. I will refrain from smoking in the garden area, and will make sure that my guests are aware of this restriction. Please see the document titled Tomato-Tobacco Mosaic Virus for more information.

9. I will keep the garden free of garbage and use the Recycle and Garbage containers that are in or near the Garden Shed.

10. I will pay a one-time fee of \$5 for the garden key, which remains the property of the Perth Dupont Community Garden. When I no longer have a plot in the garden, I will return the key to the Garden Coordinator without delay.

11. Above and beyond maintaining my garden, I am expected to:

- Join *at least* one of the teams from the **Working Group Teams** (to share the workload of caring for the common areas of our community garden). Experienced (second year) gardeners may also join a **Core Group Team** (to help keep the community garden running smoothly), Or be a Team Captain.

- Participate in the fall and spring work bee days by coming to the garden to help out. In the event that I cannot make it to a fall or spring work bee day, I will donate refreshments or yard waste bags.

12. Composting and dealing with your weeds. The composter is a way for the garden to deal with organic garden waste while at the same time produce a good quality soil enhancer. To support the compost program, I will chop my weeds and other green plant material into 2" - 4" pieces, and I will not put whole plants into the bin. If my weeds are too tough or large (like sunflower stalks) to chop, then I will either leave them the corner of my garden plot, or bring my own yard-waste bags. I will take them to 436 Perth Ave. with me when I leave, if they are full. I will not leave any weeds or dirt on the pathways or the grass.

13. Spring Clean Up and the "Weed Pile". The spring weed pile is inevitable, and its designated location will be indicated in the spring. But there will be a cut off date for using this, and will be announced by the Garden Coordinator. After the announced date, I will be expected to deal with my weeds and other greens as mentioned above.

14. Posts and stakes. I am welcome to bring my own creative materials for staking up my tomatoes and other large, climbing plants. Here are two things I will remember:

- For safety reasons, my stakes cannot have paint on them, or any nails sticking out. The Garden Coordinator will ask me to remove them from the garden area immediately.

- I must not block the sun from the neighbouring garden plots. Anything that is higher than 3 feet, must be 2 feet away from the adjoining gardens. If the Garden Coordinator receives any complaints about the height or distance of my stakes, I will be asked to change their position.

Conflict resolution and non-compliance

Please report to the Garden Coordinator or other member of the Communications Team, if issues arise with another gardener. We will try and help resolve the situation. The manager of Parks, Forestry, & Recreation may also be called in. If you have any concerns about the Garden Coordinator you may contact someone from the Communications Team directly.

In the event of non-compliance with the above rules and guidelines, the Garden Group Coordinator will issue a written notice to the member. If at the end of a two-week period or after two warnings the problem has not been resolved, the plot will be reassigned and membership will be revoked. The garden key must be returned at this time.

Additional garden etiquette

The produce from the Herb Garden and Raspberry Patch are for all the gardeners to use, and the gardeners, and volunteers may take some in a modest manner. Please will use scissors or other clipping tools to harvest, so as not to damage the plants.

To help prevent the tennis players from walking across the garden beds looking for their tennis balls, the gardeners are requested to put any tennis balls they find in the basket next to the garden shed. Balls in the basket are not to be used as dog balls.

I understand the above rules and regulations and promise to follow them.

Signature of the Gardener _____

Date _____

Signature of the Coordinator _____

PAID THE YEARLY FEE OF \$10: _____

Important Contact Information

- Non-emergency police calls: (416) 808-2222 (ask for the radio room)
- Canadian Pacific Railway: You have to tell them that you are calling from Toronto ON. The community Garden is located just south west of the "Symington Overpass" and its location number is 26241
- C.P.R. Police: 1 800-551-2553 (for urgent matters)
- C.P.R. Community Connect line: 1 800-766-7912 (for complaints about the drinking, etc. going on behind the fence) or e-mail them at: community_connect@cpr.ca
- The Stop Community Food Center's contact is Kristin Wheatcroft (416) 652-7867 ext. 241
- For all other matters please contact the Garden Coordinator Susan Berman at (416) 762-8524, 436 Perth Ave. E-mail: perth-dupontcg@frogstar.com