

The Creek Community Gardener's Member Agreement

NEU Community Garden Contract

November 1, 2010 – October 31, 2011

The NEU Community Garden is a peaceful place for residents to gather and grow. The garden is managed by the Creek Community Gardeners with sponsorship by the False Creek South Neighborhood Association (FCSNA).

These guidelines are designed to keep the garden a healthy, welcoming and friendly place for everyone.

As CCG member, you agree to do the following:

Gardening

- I recognize that this is an organic garden. I will not use synthetic herbicides, insecticides, fungicides or any other type of synthetic pesticide at any time. All soil amendments will be natural – i.e., composted manure, composted plant waste, leaf mulch, organic fertilizers.
- I will only grow annual and perennial edibles, medicinal plants and flowers that are non-invasive.
- My plot will be aesthetically pleasing in all seasons.
- Spring planting must be done by mid May.
- I will tidy and prepare my plot for winter by November 1, 2010 by mulching, planting cover crop seeds, and/or winter crop gardening.
- I will plant tall crops only where they do not shade neighbouring plots.
- I will not grow woody plants such as shrubs and trees as they may shade other plots.
- I will keep weeds managed so that seeds do not spread into neighbouring plots and will keep the pathways free of trash and litter.
- Trellises, pergolas, cold frames or other such structures are permitted on garden plots only if they do not shade any adjacent plot. These structures must be removed from the plot when not in use. Hoop houses, as well as plastic and material plant covers, are not permitted on garden plots. Any structure more than 30” high above the planter edge must be approved by the Garden Coordinator.
- I will compost weeds and plant materials in the designated area.
- I will not use my plot for commercial production.

Responsibility

- In consideration of my fellow gardeners, I will not pick from my neighbour's garden even if I think they are neglecting their plot and their food is going to waste. I will pick only my own crops unless given permission by the plot user.
- I will clean and return any borrowed communal tools to the storage area and I will assist in keeping this area tidy.
- I will take non-compostable waste home for disposal in a responsible manner.
- I am responsible for supervising my children and/or other guests and for any damage to neighbouring plots caused by my children and/or guests.

Administration

- I will pay an annual fee of \$40 to secure my plot from November 1, 2010 to October 31, 2011. If finances are a barrier to participation, please speak with the Garden Membership Coordinator.
- I understand that plots are rented until October 31, 2011 with the option to renew at the end of that year pending compliance with this contract.
- Plots are not transferable. If you are no longer able to garden your plot, please let the Garden Membership Coordinator know and the plot will be offered to the next person on the waiting list.
- I understand that I am NOT eligible for a plot at the NEU Community Garden if I already have a plot at another community garden. If I obtain a plot at another community garden during this contract period, I will forfeit my plot at NEU within two weeks.
- If for any reason (e.g. health or vacation) I will be temporarily unable to maintain my plot, I will inform the Garden Membership Coordinator. If I have a substitute gardener, I will notify the Coordinator of their name, address and phone number.
- If my plot becomes unkempt, I understand I will be given 2 weeks notice to clean it up. At that time it will be reassigned if it is not maintained.
- I will put in a minimum of 12 hours of assigned work a year or attend at least 6 two-hour work parties between November 1, 2010 and October 31, 2011. The work parties will focus on building and maintaining the garden's communal spaces.
- I will notify the Community Garden Membership Coordinator of any change of address or phone number.

I understand that neither the CCG committee nor FCSNA nor the owners of the land (City of Vancouver) are responsible for my actions. I therefore agree to hold harmless the garden group and owners of the land for any liability, damage, loss or claim that occurs in connection with the use of the garden by me or any of my guests, or for any injuries sustained by me or any of my guests.

Picture publication permission. The CCG committee and the False Creek South Neighborhood Association have the permission to use a picture taken of me for publicity and grant reports.

I have read, understood and agree to the garden guidelines above:

Gardener:

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Phone number: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Gardening Partner:

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

In case of an emergency, please contact (name): _____

Relationship to you: _____

Home phone number: _____ Cell/work phone number: _____