

The Village on False Creek Community Garden Society

Village Community Garden Member Agreement

March 2025-March 2026

The Village on False Creek Community Garden is a peaceful place for residents to gather and grow. The garden is managed by the Village on False Creek Community Garden Society ("the Society"). These guidelines are designed to keep the garden a healthy, welcoming, and friendly place for everyone.

As a community garden 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, that is, 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 and will only grow in my allocated plot. (Discuss growing in the Living Fence with Garden Board)
- I agree that I am responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of my plot, including the surrounding area. If I decide to share my plot with another person, I will remain responsible for its maintenance and upkeep.
- My plot will be aesthetically pleasing in all seasons.
- I will tidy and prepare my plot for winter by November 1 by mulching, planting cover crop seeds, and/or winter crop gardening.
- I will not plant tall crops, or woody plants (such as, shrubs and trees) which may shade neighboring plots.
- **I will keep weeds managed so that seeds do not spread into neighboring plots** and will keep the pathways free of organic material, plants, planters, 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 to protect tomatoes and other crops susceptible to blight are permitted but only if they do not shade other plots. Any structure more than 48" high above the planter edge must be approved by the Board of Directors of the Society.
- 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 plot unless the neighbour has given me permission to do so. I will also only water my plot unless my neighbour has asked me to water theirs.
- 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 away from the garden area for disposal in a responsible manner.
- I am responsible for my guests and for supervising my children and or pets. I agree to be responsible for any damage to neighboring plots they may cause.

Administration

- I will pay an annual fee of \$50 to secure my plot from March 2025 - March 2026. I acknowledge that the fee is not refundable.
- I understand that plots are rented until the end of March 2025 with an option to renew at the end of that year if I comply with all the provisions of this contract.
- Plots are not transferable. If you are no longer able to garden your plot, please let the Garden Board 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 Village on False Creek 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 The Village on False Creek Community Garden 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 Board providing the name, address, and phone number of any substitute gardener.
- **If my plot becomes unkempt, I understand I will be given 2 weeks' notice to clean it up.** At that time, it will be assigned to a new member if it is not maintained. No further notice will be provided.
- I will put in a minimum of 4 hours of assigned work a year or attend at least 2 two-hour work parties for the gardening season 2025. The work parties will focus on building and maintaining the garden's communal spaces.
- I will notify the Society of any change of mailing or email address or phone number.

Indemnity

I understand that neither the Society nor the owners of the land (City of Vancouver) are responsible for my actions or my invitees. I therefore agree to indemnify and hold the Society and owners of the land harmless from any liability, damage, loss or claim that arises or results from the use of the garden area by me or my invitees.

Photo publication permission

The Society has permission to use photos taken of me for publicity and grant reports.

The Village Community Gardening Teams

*Coming together is a beginning.
Keeping together is progress.
Working together is a success.*

The Village on False Creek Community Garden is only effective with your participation. Our agreement with the city requires ongoing maintenance and due to its location must be kept aesthetically pleasing. The following teams have been established for member participation to assist in the maintenance of the garden. If you see a need for another team we encourage you to contact the Society Board.

Living Fence Team: planting, trimming, watering, adding manure, etc.

Compost team: to ensure snipping, adding layers of brown materials (leaves), adding water if

necessary, turning, etc.

Building/maintenance Team: fix existing structure if needed; build new structures after project is approved by Society Board

Beautification Team:

- Pick up litter from the entire garden
- Pick up litter from the areas along the metal fence, around the yellow planters on the west side, and the wooden platform on the north side
- Remove weeds from the gravel areas
- Remove recyclables from the garden and take to appropriate recycling containers
- Take all collected litter/debris away from the garden and deposit in appropriate garbage containers

Society Board: finances, administration, teams' leadership, and organization of seasonal work parties to distribute manure and gravel, sweep up fallen leaves, do annual clean up, etc for participation of all members independent of teams they are in.