

The Village on False Creek Community Garden Society

Garden Member Agreement

March 2026 – March 2027

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 healthy, welcoming, and enjoyable for everyone.

By becoming a community garden member, you agree to the following:

Gardening

- I acknowledge that this is an organic garden. I will not use synthetic herbicides, insecticides, fungicides, or any other synthetic pesticides at any time. All soil amendments must be natural (e.g., composted manure, composted plant waste, leaf mulch, organic fertilizers).
 - I will grow only **non-invasive** annual and perennial edibles, medicinal plants, and flowers in my allocated plot. (Please consult the Garden Board regarding planting in the Living Fence.)
 - I am responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of my plot, including the surrounding area. If I share my plot with another person, I remain responsible for its maintenance and upkeep.
 - I will maintain my plot in a neat and aesthetically pleasing condition throughout the year.
 - I will prepare my plot for winter by November 1 by mulching, planting cover crops, and/or maintaining winter crops.
 - I will not plant tall crops or woody plants (such as shrubs or trees) that may shade neighboring plots.
 - I will manage weeds to prevent seeds from spreading into neighboring plots and will keep pathways free of organic debris, plants, planters, trash, and litter.
 - Trellises, pergolas, cold frames, and similar structures are permitted only if they do not shade adjacent plots. **Structures must be removed when not in use.** Hoop houses to protect crops susceptible to blight are permitted, provided they do not shade neighboring plots. Any structure more than 48 inches above the planter edge must be approved by the Society’s Board of Directors.
 - I will compost weeds and plant materials in the designated compost area.
 - I will not use my plot for commercial production.
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Responsibility

- In consideration of fellow gardeners, I will not harvest from a neighboring plot without permission. I will only water my own plot unless asked to water another member's plot.
 - I will remove non-compostable waste from the garden and dispose of it responsibly.
 - I am responsible for my guests and for supervising my children and/or pets. I accept responsibility for any damage they may cause to neighboring plots or garden property.
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Administration

- I will pay an annual, non-refundable fee of \$50 to secure my plot from March 2026 to March 2027.
 - I understand that plots are assigned until the end of March 2027, with the option to renew if I comply with all provisions of this agreement.
 - Plots are not transferable. If I am no longer able to maintain my plot, I will notify the Garden Board so it can 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 here within two weeks.
 - If I am temporarily unable to maintain my plot (e.g., due to health or vacation), I will inform the Garden Board and provide the name, address, and phone number of a substitute gardener.
 - If my plot becomes unkempt, I understand I will be given two weeks' notice to address the issue. If it is not maintained within that time, the plot may be reassigned without further notice.
 - I will contribute a minimum of four (4) hours of assigned work per year or attend at least two two-hour work parties during the 2026 gardening season. Work parties focus on building and maintaining the garden's communal spaces.
 - I will notify the Society of any changes to my mailing address, email address, or phone number.
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Indemnity

I understand that neither the Society nor the landowner (City of Vancouver) is responsible for my actions or the actions of my guests. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Society and the landowner from any liability, damage, loss, or claim arising from my use of the garden or the use by my guests.

Photo Publication Permission

I grant the Society permission to use photographs of me for publicity, promotional materials, and grant reporting purposes.

The Village Community Gardening Teams

“Together we plant, together we grow.”

The Village on False Creek Community Garden thrives through member participation. Our agreement with the City requires ongoing maintenance, and due to its location, the garden must remain aesthetically pleasing. The following teams support the maintenance and care of the garden. If you identify a need for an additional team, please contact the Society Board.

Society Board

Responsible for finances, administration, team leadership, and organizing seasonal work parties (e.g., distributing manure and gravel, leaf cleanup, annual clean-up). All members are encouraged to participate in seasonal work parties regardless of team affiliation.

Living Fence Team

Planting, trimming, watering, adding manure, and maintaining the living fence.

Compost Team

Managing compost by chopping materials, layering brown materials (leaves), adding water as needed, and turning compost.

Building/Maintenance Team

Repairing existing structures and constructing approved new structures (with Society Board approval).

Beautification Team

- Collect litter throughout the garden
- Collect litter along the metal fence, around the yellow planters on the west side, and near the wooden platform on the north side

- Remove weeds from gravel areas
 - Remove recyclables and deposit them in appropriate recycling containers
 - Dispose of collected litter and debris in appropriate garbage containers
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