

Parkdale Community Garden

Gardener's Agreement – April 1, 2015 – March 31, 2016

Name (Please print):	
PCA membership number:	
Email:	
Phone:	
Street Address:	
Bed Number:	
Garden membership type (Resident, Associate, or Program):	
Additional people participating in this garden:	

Garden membership

The Parkdale Community Garden and Gathering Space (PCGGS) offers the gardener named above access to one raised garden bed with sufficient soil for the period ending March 31, 2016. Water is provided on the site (note that the water may be untreated and must not be used as drinking water).

Gardeners must hold a valid Parkdale Community Association (PCA) membership. Garden membership fees are **\$52.50**, including GST. Fees are refundable up to and including March 31, 2015 on written notice to the PCA office. A service charge of \$15.00 will be deducted from the refund. As of April 1, 2015, the garden membership fee will not be refunded.

By abiding to the terms below, Resident members will hold first right of refusal for the same raised bed for the next year by registering and paying the garden membership fee before March 31, 2016.

Failure to comply with the terms of the Gardener's Agreement may result in loss of Garden membership privileges.

Terms of membership

The gardener agrees to the following terms and conditions:

Management of individual beds

- Gardeners are not permitted to give their raised bed away to another gardener.
- Gardeners will have their raised bed planted by June 15, 2015. Gardeners who are unable to plant by June 15 are expected to contact the Garden Chair or their raised bed will be offered to another gardener.
- Gardeners will refrain from planting invasive species that may spread to other gardener's beds or communal growing areas.
- Gardeners will use no synthetic chemical pesticides, insecticides, herbicides or fertilizers.
- Gardeners will deal with insect and weed infestations quickly and organically to prevent spread to other plots. For garden-wide infestations the garden team consults the City of Calgary Integrated Pest Management (IPM).
- Per government regulation, Gardeners will use finished compost for soil enhancement instead of animal manures.
- Gardeners shall leave the soil with equal or better fertility levels than when assigned their bed through the use of soil enhancement and protection practices.
- Gardeners will use trellises that are stable in all weather conditions and do not shade other gardens. Trellises may not be attached to the raised bed structure.
- Gardeners shall restrict crops which grow over 4 ft. in height to a maximum row length of 4 ft. so as not to shade neighbouring beds.
- Gardeners will pick produce when it is ripe.
- Gardeners will ensure maintenance such as watering, weeding and harvesting are carried out while the gardener is away.
- Gardeners will clean out and prepare their garden plot for winter and protect the soil from erosion by October 31.
- Gardeners will provide their own seeds, seedlings, compost, tomato cages, gardening hand tools, and crop labels.

Management of mutual space

- Gardeners will participate in spring and fall cleanups either with the planned group activity or through alternate arrangements made with the Gardening Lead.
- Gardeners will follow soil fertility, composting and mulching guidelines as provided by the Garden subcommittee and shared in in-person sessions and online at parkdalecommunity.com/garden.
- Gardeners will take responsibility for any non-gardeners accompanying them to the garden and ensure that children are supervised.
- Gardeners will only pick produce and flowers from their personal raised bed, and will exercise common sense when picking from communal beds.
- Gardeners will clean all mutual tools after use and return them to the storage shed.

- Gardeners will conserve water and do not use hoses that leak, advising the Gardening Lead of any problems with the hose and watering system.
- Gardeners will keep weeds, garbage and litter out of their garden plot and the paths around the garden, as well as the herb circle and shed.
- Gardeners will act as the designated Garden Angel for one week between the months of June and August. During this week, they will be expected to weed and water all communal beds and beds of absent gardeners. The list of beds requiring maintenance will be provided in advance by the Garden Lead.

Support of Garden subcommittees and initiatives

All Gardeners will be expected to contribute to the continued development and operation of the garden by joining at least one of any of the following subcommittees:

- Finance
- Communications
- Gardening
- Fundraising
- Construction and Maintenance
- Events Lead
- Education Lead
- Vision and Planning
- Community Partnerships

All Gardeners will also be asked to volunteer for or support at least two of the following initiatives, expected to be ongoing throughout the year:

- Help with bottle drives or bimonthly bottle routes for fundraising
- Door-to-door fundraising and campaigning
- Help plan and execute events - this year's planned events so far are Bottle Drive, History Night, Build events, Celebration brunch and garden clean-ups
- Write articles for the newsletter/website
- Help build and maintain garden beds and structures during specific build events
- Manage communal composting
- Manage Food Forest, Herb Circle, Flower plantings or Hops Farm
- Design garden collateral (brochures, pamphlets, signage, etc.)

Fun and Friendly Gardening

Gardeners are invited to all social events, including planting days, potlucks, garden maintenance events, sheet mulching parties and events in the garden (music, art, yoga, and gardening coaching sessions). Dates and times will be shared with the membership group as well as posted on the PCA website.

Gardeners are also encouraged to attend monthly Garden Steering Committee meetings. For more detail on the Garden Steering Committee and governance, please refer to the

latest version of the Parkdale Community Garden Terms of Reference.

Gardeners are encouraged to attend learning opportunities hosted by the Community Garden Resource Network of the Calgary Horticultural Society. Event notices will be sent out by email.

Liability and Risk

Signing this agreement absolves the Parkdale Community Association from any liability, financial or otherwise which may result from activities related to garden either by myself or by others.

For a more detailed list of identified risks, please refer to the Garden Risk Assessment on the PCA Website at http://parkdalecommunity.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/GARDEN_RISK-ASSESSMENT.pdf

Communication and Photography

By signing this agreement, the gardener consents to having their email address shared with their fellow Garden members solely for the purpose of coordination and information relevant to the Parkdale Garden.

Additionally, signing this agreement permits photography of the gardener and their guests during garden-related events, for documentation, articles for the newsletter and online, grant applications and garden-related collateral.

I have read and understand the terms of this agreement and I agree to fulfill my obligations as specified.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Print name: _____

Witness: _____