



GLoucester ALLOTMENT GARDEN ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
George Bushell Anderson Road Garden

PRINCIPAL APPLICANT:

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Postal Code _____

Home Tel. _____ Mobile Tel. _____ E-Mail _____

CO-APPLICANT: (Complete if sharing plot(s) with a person(s) or family with a different family name or address.)

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Postal Code _____

Home Tel. _____ Mobile Tel. _____ E-Mail _____

IF YOU HAD A PLOT LAST YEAR, ENTER THE NUMBER(S) HERE:

Full Size (Annual/Perennial) _____ 1/2 Size (Annual/Perennial) _____

PLOT(S) REQUESTED THIS YEAR:

Full size plot(s): _____ x \$80 apiece. Preferred plot number(s): _____

Half size plot(s): _____ x \$40 apiece. Preferred plot number(s): _____

I require compost: Yes _____ No _____

Full sized plots are approximately 7 m. x 14 m. and members can request a maximum of two plots in total. If you have no preference, leave blank and the Registrar will allocate your plot(s). If you had a plot(s) last year and want it again, please record the number(s) here. If you want to change plots or you are a new applicant, you may indicate a few preferred plot numbers (it may not be possible to meet your request, however).

All plots are provided compost at springtime. Please indicate above if you do not require compost. Please contact the registrar by email at gaga_registrar@ncf.ca before May 1st if you change your mind.

OFFER TO ASSIST THE ASSOCIATION:

As a community garden, GAGA occasionally requests the help of our members with various tasks. Members who volunteer can save \$10 on a plot renewal next year. Can you help with any of the following?

Fall Clean-up _____ Spring Staking _____ Administration _____ Maintenance _____ Other Skills _____

AGREEMENT & PAYMENT

I, the Principal Applicant, as well as the Co-Applicant(s), agree to abide by all the rules of the Gloucester Allotment Garden Association.

Date: _____ Signature of Principal Applicant: _____

Total Fees due \$ _____ Paid by _____ Cash _____ Cheque

If this is your first year, how did you hear about the Allotment Gardens? _____



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GLoucester ALLOTMENT GARDEN ASSOCIATION RULES & REGULATIONS

1. The members of the Gloucester Allotment Garden Association are the person(s) whose name(s) appear on the Registration Form as the Primary Applicant(s) and Co-Applicant(s). Every member is to ensure that their plot(s) is/are tended in accordance with these Rules whether by themselves, or by any other person on their behalf.
2. Annual plots must not be used before spring tilling and staking are completed. Tilling and staking are weather-dependent and will take place as early in May as conditions allow. Once stakes are in place, they are not to be moved by anyone without Board authority.
3. Gardening activities must be confined to the member's own plot(s) and must not interfere with adjacent plots. Laneways, pathways and ditches must be kept open, clear and free of obstacles. At least one foot (30 cm) must be left free of plants and materials around each plot so there is a two-foot (60cm) pathway between plots. Gardeners must not encroach on and/or place gardening materials and tools on the grass in front and behind their plot(s). Tall crops like corn must not shade adjacent gardens.
4. The gardens of the Gloucester Allotment Garden Association (GAGA) are organic. Only certified organic insecticides, fungicides and herbicides may be used. Carpets or other potentially toxic material **MUST NOT** be used as mulch. Used tires **MUST NOT** be used for any reason in gardens.
5. Water must be used carefully and only on garden plots. Members growing crops requiring a great deal of water (e.g. daily watering) should limit the amount they grow so as to not use unsustainable amounts of water. In the event that a member uses the limited water resources at a rate that is excessive or unsustainable, the Board reserves the right to transfer the member to Orient Park where their plot would be connected to the municipal water supply or to cancel their plot privileges for that year. Washing vehicles is not allowed.
6. Watering must only be done with watering cans. Pails and tubs are not allowed. The short hose pieces permanently attached to the taps must not be removed. . Attaching other hoses and sprinklers to the taps to water the garden or to fill water containers is prohibited except as allowed in Rule 7.
7. Notwithstanding Rule No. 6, a member may buy water from GAGA to fill a water barrel or water tank. They must first obtain a receipt from the GAGA Treasurer showing the volume of water that they have purchased. The receipt must be attached to the water container in a waterproof envelope (a Ziploc bag for example).
8. Weeds Members must control weed growth on their plot(s), keep the plot neat and tidy, and trim any long grass or weeds on the perimeter of their plot(s). Severely diseased plants and pest infestation must be eliminated. The growth of illegal plants and the growth of plant(s) or crop(s) for sale are prohibited
9. Waste:
 - a. Organic material (weeds, discarded vegetables, stalks and vines) and trash, garbage, etc. must not be placed on pathways, laneways or ditches or outside the deer fence. All organic compostable material that is not left on the garden as compost must be taken to the compost pile on the other side of Weir Road.
 - b. Non-compostable trash and garbage must not be left to build up on any plot, but must be removed regularly from the plot by the member.
10. End of Season Clean-up
 - a. All plant material with coarse stalks (e.g. corn, sunflowers, broccoli, cabbage, castor beans) and vines should be finely cut and spread on the member's plot or placed on the compost pile. Large roots must be dug out and removed. Spreading chopped plant material(s) on the plot is highly recommended to provide needed organic matter.
 - b. Tools, lawn furniture, wooden stakes, tomato cages, rubble, string, plastics and paper etc., must be removed from all annual plots and areas adjacent to them by the member.
 - c. Stakes and other re-usable gardening materials which are intended for use the next year may be stored on the grass borders by the fence and must be returned to the plots immediately after staking. They may also be left in perennial (only) plots, if stored neatly and away from paths and boundaries.
 - d. Annual plots must be left in tillable condition at the end of the season.
 - e. If a member fails to clean up their plot so it can be tilled next spring, they will be deemed to have abandoned their plot.
10. In the event of plot abandonment, the Board reserves the right to cancel plot privileges for that year and subsequent years and re-assign the plot immediately or the next year.
11. Dogs Because of the surrounding deer fence, dogs are not allowed on the Anderson site.
12. Nothing is to be thrown over the deer fence. Any member who damages the deer fence shall pay to have it repaired by a contractor approved by the Board. If the member refuses, the Board reserves the right to cancel plot privileges for that year and subsequent years.
13. If a member or anyone connected to them does not properly close a deer fence gate including locking it if they are the last to leave, or interferes in any way with a locked gate, or attaches a hose to the water system without paying for the water, the Board reserves the right to cancel their plot privileges for that year and subsequent years.
14. Intimidating, threatening, or abusive behaviour toward any other member of the GAGA will not be tolerated.
15. The Board expects all members to voluntarily comply with these Rules; non-compliance will result in a warning with the expectation that immediate corrective action will be taken. The Board reserves the right to cancel plot privileges and re-assign plot(s) at any time for any member's failure to abide by these Rules.

ANDERSON GARDEN ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

1. The deadline for registration is 31 March. Failure to register before the deadline may result in plot(s) being offered to new gardeners on the waiting list. Those seeking (re-)registration must provide the Registrar with their postal address, email address and telephone number(s), and are asked to inform the Registrar of any changes as soon as they occur. Members wishing to be notified of water deliveries should also provide their cell phone numbers. On-line registration is preferred. New administrative rules (to deal with public health restrictions for example) will be made clear to members at registration.
2. A member may keep the same plot(s) each year if the member is in good standing and his/her plot(s) is/are available. No member/family (persons living at the same address) may lease more than two plots. Grandfathering of plots leased prior to approval of this rule (which took place in 2016) expires on the departure of the member who was grandfathered.
3. The annual cost of renting a plot is based on the Association's projected costs for maintenance and administration in that year. Members who assist the Association may receive a reduction in fees the following year.
4. The Association will issue a membership card each year, noting the plot(s) leased to the member. Members may be asked to produce their membership card at any time when they are on the plot site to show that they are an Association Member in good standing.
5. Annual plots will be tilled as a block each spring, and subsequently measured and staked. A perennial plot will only be tilled on request, and only in the year that it is re-assigned. Each plot will be identified by a number affixed to a stake at the left front corner of the plot as indicated by the "dot" on the relevant garden plan map (the plot number on the stake faces toward the plot).
6. It is expected that assigned plots will be planted by July 1 of each year.
7. GAGA shall not be held responsible for personal injury, or damage to vehicles and gardening equipment including loss or damage caused to plot areas, tools, equipment or materials left therein, as a result of theft or vandalism.