



**Whitecourt Community Garden Gardener's Contract**

Year: Plot #: Paid:
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1. All gardeners must participate in activities for the common good of the garden. This includes gardening in common garden areas. All gardeners will participate in spring garden preparation and fall cleanup. All gardeners will maintain around their plot and general walking areas around their plot.
2. There will be a fee of **\$40 per garden plots**. Fees collected will be used to cover maintenance costs of running the garden. There is a limit of 3 garden plots per household. Plots will be assigned on a first come, first served basis. Gardeners in good standing may apply to have the same plot each year. Participation in the coming gardening season must be identified by May 15 of each year.
3. All gardeners shall pay a \$20 deposit for a padlock key for the garden. At the end of each garden season gardeners can return the key to receive their deposit back.
4. Each member shall be responsible for the upkeep of his/her own plot. Abandonment or neglect of a plot will result in that plot becoming available to new members.
5. This is an organic garden. No artificial herbicides or pesticides are permitted. All gardeners will endeavor to practice water conservation.
6. All gardeners are expected to respect other gardeners, the equipment and the garden itself by staying on designated walkways, keeping within our own plots, cleaning and replacing equipment in the storage after use, and being responsible for the behavior of our guests, children and pets while they are on site. All pets are to be leashed while in the garden.
7. Planting begins May 15<sup>th</sup> of each year. A garden that is not planted or weed free by June 15 will be taken over and reassigned. Members are responsible for supplying their own seeds and planting their own plot. Plants with an invasive root system (horseradish, Rhubarb) are not permitted. Perennial plants must be removed at the end of the growing season.
8. Harvest should be complete and the lot left clean at the end of the gardening season (October 30).
9. All gardeners must practice water conservation – use water only for watering newly seeded areas and plants. Water can be retrieved from the water tank and/or from the rain barrels with pails or watering cans.
10. Participation in the garden is at the gardener's own risk. No smoking within the fenced community garden site.
11. This garden project is overseen and administered by a committee of volunteers whose decision shall be final in the event of disputes or arbitration.

**Agreement**

I understand that neither the Whitecourt Community Garden Society nor the owners of the land 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.

I have read the above guidelines and am in agreement with all of the expectations for my participation in the community garden. I am aware that failure to meet these expectations may result in my termination as a member of this cooperative garden by the Whitecourt Community Garden committee.

I understand that the personal information collected through this form is for the purpose of processing applications, including eligibility, review, and communication of decisions. This collection is authorized per section 4(c) of the Protection of Privacy Act. For questions about the collection of personal information, contact the Town of Whitecourt Administration Office at [administration@whitecourt.ca](mailto:administration@whitecourt.ca) or 780-778-2273.

By checking this box I am giving permission to have my name present on the Garden Plot Map that may be posted at the garden and online at [www.whitecourtcommunitygarden.com](http://www.whitecourtcommunitygarden.com)

If you have any concerns with the garden site, please contact: Angela Young, Food Bank Coordinator | [angelayoung@whitecourt.ca](mailto:angelayoung@whitecourt.ca) | 780-778-2341

Gardener signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_