

# Trails End Community Garden

## Guidelines

Welcome to the Trails End Community Garden!

This year's season will start in early May and run until the snow flies.

To qualify for a plot, applicants must be members in good standing of the Trails End Community Association.

Successful community gardens rely on the dedication of each and every gardener to:

1. maintain their own plot
2. contribute to the upkeep and management of the entire garden
3. participate in volunteer activities, such as fundraising, or make appropriate financial compensation

If all responsibilities have been met by a gardener at the end of the season, the gardener will have the chance to continue for the next season. Gardeners will be asked to contribute to one of several work parties in May and September/October.

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### Gardener guidelines

As a gardener, I agree that:

1. I will use only organic methods (no synthetic fertilizers, herbicides, or pesticides) in my garden plot.
2. When watering my garden, I agree to conserve water by using a watering can, and will make sure taps are closed completely. I will report any leaks to the Board.
3. I will tend my plot, and keep it weed free. I will dispose of weeds and plant materials in designated areas.
4. I will also maintain the pathways between my plot and other parts of the garden. If my plot is not planted or tended, or if I do not follow guidelines, I may be required to forfeit my plot.
5. I will grow plants of a height that will not shade my neighbour's plots.
6. I will identify a substitute (another gardener, friend etc) to help me if I am unable to tend to my plot due to illness or vacation.
7. I will donate 25% of my produce to a charitable organization on a list to be provided by the Board, as required by the Association's lease with the City of Yellowknife.
8. I may sell my produce as part of a fundraiser for the garden; however, I may not sell my produce for personal profit. This is a stipulation of the Association's lease agreement with the City of Yellowknife.
9. I will attend the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Trails End Community Association, either in person or by proxy.
10. I will participate in volunteer activities, such as garden maintenance and fundraising, or make appropriate financial compensation.

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11. When tending to my garden, I agree to park on Niven Drive or 43<sup>rd</sup> Street, if necessary.
12. I agree to respect existing by-laws concerning the City's quiet time of 11 pm to 7 am.
13. I agree to abide by the "NO DOGS" rule in the garden.
14. I reside within a 500-metre radius of Trails End Crescent, or have received permission from the Board to garden in this location.
15. I am a member in good standing of the Trails End Community Association.

## Policies

### Subletting Gardens

Gardeners in good standing who are unable to garden the upcoming year (due to travel, work/family commitments, etc.), but wish to retain their plot, are able to place a one-year "hold" on their plot. It will be returned the year following their leave, so long as registration is completed on time. Gardeners must request a hold from the board by February 1<sup>st</sup> of the year they plan to take leave.

### Fee Reimbursement (Abandoned Plot)

If a gardener or gardeners have obtained a plot for the coming season, but decide not to garden, fees shall be reimbursed as follows:

- Before May 1st: Only plot fees will be reimbursed (not the membership and fundraising fees)
- After May 1st: Plot fees will only be reimbursed if another gardener from the waiting list pays for the plot fee.
- After June 1<sup>st</sup>: No fees will be reimbursed.