

Sandy Hill Community Garden ~ Member Agreement

Applicant(Print): _____ Telephone #: _____

Address: _____ e-mail: _____

Co-applicant: _____ Telephone #: _____

Address: _____ e-mail: _____

- I hereby apply to be a Member of Sandy Hill Community Garden.
- I will have a plot assigned by the Garden Coordinators, approximately 10' X 17'
- I will pay \$20 per year towards the garden expenses, such as tools, fencing, water, maintenance etc. (unless the Garden Coordinators waive my fee).
- I will cultivate, plant and care for my plot, keep it tidy and keep weeds under control.
- I will respect other members' rights and I will not allow my gardening activity to encroach on others' plots.
- I will not distribute, spray, sprinkle, dust or dig any form of chemical fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides, fungicides or any other harmful substances in any part of the garden.
- I will not bring pets into the garden area.
- If I bring children or adults who are not members into the garden, I will be responsible for their actions and advise them of the community garden expectations.
- I will not bring furniture, carpets, etc. into the garden and I will take away any garbage, packaging etc. that I bring. I will not build any structures other than plant supports.
- I will make every effort to attend meetings when called by the Coordinators. If I am unable to attend the meeting I will inform the Coordinators that I cannot attend, and I will inform myself of what was discussed and decided at the meeting.
- I will do my share of work on the community tasks in the garden (minimum 10 hours per year).
- I will work respectfully and cooperatively with other people and behave responsibly with respect to others' rights and feelings.
- I understand that some perennials may be planted in communal plots and bushes will be planted around the perimeter, however, I will only plant annuals in my individual plot.
- I will have my plot planted by June 7. If I fail to do so, my plot will be given to gardener from the waiting list.
- I will clean up my plot before Fall Clean-Up (held the first Saturday after Thanksgiving, weather permitting). All plant material with coarse stalks (e.g. Corn, Sunflowers, Broccoli) and vines will be finely cut and spread onto my plot. I will also remove any stakes, plastic, paper or trellis from my plot. I understand that if I do not clean up before Fall Clean-Up, I may not be allowed to be a member in following years.
- I have the right of first refusal for the same plot(s) the following year, if I am in good standing and the plot(s) is/are still available.
- I understand that water and tools must be used judiciously. Hoses and tools must not be left out/operating all day or overnight and must be shared with other gardeners. Water and tools are provided for use on garden plots only.
- I understand that in the event of plot abandonment, poor husbandry practices, severe disease or pest damage, the growth of illegal plants, or the growth of plant(s) or crop(s) for sale, the Coordinators reserve the right to cut or plough down the subject plot(s) and/or to cancel the plot privileges for that year and subsequent years.
- I will respect the decisions of the Coordinators. I understand that if I do not keep these agreements or other responsibilities decided by the members of the Community Garden, the Coordinators will have the right to cancel my membership and my use of the garden. If my membership is cancelled because I have not fulfilled my responsibilities under this agreement, the fee is not refundable.
- I understand that neither the Coordinators, nor any of garden members, nor the City of Ottawa are responsible for my actions; I therefore agree to hold harmless the Garden Coordinators, and the City of Ottawa for any liability, damage, loss or claim that may occur in connection with use of the land by me, by members of my family, or by any of my guests.

I, the Principal Applicant, as well as the Co-Applicant(s), agree to abide by the above statements.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date _____

Co-applicant Signature: _____ Date _____