



Garden Waiver and Responsibility Agreement

MY VOLUNTEER DECLARATION: I understand that successful and vibrant community gardens rely on the dedication of each and every gardener to not only maintain his or her own plot & surrounding pathways but to contribute to the upkeep and management of the entire garden. I agree to volunteer in the garden for a minimum of two hours per month between June and October inclusive doing the following:

- General garden duties: help to maintain the cleanliness of the garden area.
- Garden Mentor: guide and support new gardeners in the planting & maintenance of their plot.
- Compost: help maintain garden waste/compost pile.
- Plot maintenance: weeding, watering, crop monitoring.
- Crafts (painting, creating signs, etc.)
- Other duties that might come up throughout the growing season.

MY RESPONSIBILITIES: I understand that Gardeners lose the privilege of membership for failure to comply with the Gardeners Agreement and Safety Guidelines and for failure to maintain a neat, tidy and productive organic garden.

Gardeners will receive ample notification of any concerns and reasonable assistance, as deemed appropriate, to deal with any issues raised.

DISPUTE RESOLUTION: The Town of Berwick Garden Committee through the ALC will be the final arbitrator in issues of dispute.

LIABILITY: I understand that the Town of Berwick as the owners of the land are not responsible for my actions. Thereby, I agree to hold harmless Town of Berwick for any personal injury, liability, damage, loss or claim directly or indirectly that occurs in connection with use of the garden by me, my family or any of my guests/pets.

PHOTO PUBLISHING NOTICE: As a participant, you may appear in photography used to promote this program and/or The Town of Berwick as a whole. If you feel strongly about not appearing in photographs, please let us know. We are unable to ensure that your photograph will not be taken but we will not use it in our promotions without your consent.

GARDENERS AGREEMENT: The Town of Berwick promotes health, recreation, and sustainability by providing access to an essential hub that consists of professional workshops, camps and clubs, green technology initiatives, food security, dynamic programming, and many more opportunities within the Berwick community.

I understand that The Town of Berwick will provide the land, initial soil content, water. I agree that I will be responsible for my assigned plots:

- Soil preparation
- Planting

- Weed-free maintenance of my allotted plot(s)
- That I will keep my plot(s) in food/plant production during the growing season
- Clearing my plot(s) in the fall once the season is complete

I understand that I may contact the ALC to assist me, especially if I am a new gardener, to report maintenance issues, to check my garden plot for compliance with guidelines and for assistance with issues related to the garden. I understand that gardeners are invited to attend Garden Committee meetings and social gatherings.

I understand that plots are assigned on a first come first served basis. Members may apply for more than one plot and pay additional fees for each plot. If plot(s) are unused, members will be contacted twice by the ALC or a member of the ToB Garden Committee to be given a friendly reminder. If plot(s) are still unused the member in question will lose their plot(s) with no refund.

As a Berwick gardener, I agree to:

1. Use my plot(s) intensively over the productive months. Use it or lose it.
2. Be respectful of other gardeners and their rights to garden communally.
3. Follow all safety guidelines and immediately report any issues to the ToB Garden Committee.
4. Apply organic gardening practices, refrain from the use of chemicals and will not plant species that are invasive or prone to disease or pests (such as mint or potatoes). Tomatoes will be allowed, but ONLY in containers. If signs of blight appear we will ask that you remove them from the garden.
5. Keep garden areas tidy and pathways clear of obstacles.
6. Store tools safely in assigned spots in the shed.
7. Minimize water use and apply mulch.
8. Keep the community garden as a smoke free zone.
9. Take responsibility for the care, maintenance and development of the communal areas.
10. Notify the ToB Garden Committee if, for any reason, I am no longer able to maintain my garden plot(s).
11. Settle any disputes through calm discussion and goodwill.
12. Follow the local rules developed by the ToB Garden Committee.
13. Dogs brought into the garden will be kept on a leash at all times and be cleaned up after.
14. Nuisance or noisy dogs must be removed upon request.
15. Discard weeds and deteriorated vegetables into the compost area.

SAFETY GUIDELINES: The Berwick Garden Members are encouraged to work safely and take reasonable care to protect their own health and safety as well as that of fellow gardeners by working within the limits of their own capabilities.

- Only move what you can reasonably manage.
- Wear sun hats, gloves, sunscreen, and protective footwear as required.

- Ensure you bring adequate amount of drinking water when working for extended times in the Garden.
- Follow guidelines when handling compost and potting mix, wear gloves and keep mixture moist. Wash hands immediately after use.
- Ensure that your tetanus vaccinations are up to date.
- Ensure the safety of your guests.
- Always supervise children.

By signing below, I confirm that I have read and agree with the rules and guidelines set out above and in the Gardeners Agreement to ensure the success of our community garden endeavor and to inform myself of safety considerations as outlined in the Safety Guidelines. I understand that failure to follow these guidelines will result in my loss of access to the garden and without any refund of fees.

We are excited to have you on board! If you have any concerns, questions, or suggestions, feel free to contact us by email or by phone.

Please PRINT Applicant(s) Name: _____

Applicant Signature

Date

Plot Number(s): _____

Witnessed by: _____

Town of Berwick Representative