



GLOUCESTER ALLOTMENT GARDEN ASSOCIATION RULES & REGULATIONS

George Bushell Orient Park Drive Garden

1. Members must provide the Registrar with their postal address, email address and telephone number(s), and any changes as soon as they occur. The person(s) whose name(s) appear on the Registration Form as the Primary Applicant(s) and Co-Applicant(s) are responsible for adhering to these rules, both by themselves and any other persons working on or visiting their plots.
2. A member has the right to keep the same plot(s) each year if the member is in good standing and his/her plot(s) is/are still available. A member/family (persons living at the same address) may not lease more than two plots.
3. Annual plots must not be used before spring tilling and staking are completed. The staking will take place as early in May as weather permits and once staked shall not be altered or moved. A perennial plot will only be tilled, if necessary, the year that it is re-assigned.
4. Gardening activities must be confined to the member's own plot(s) and may 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.
5. The gardens of the Gloucester Allotment Garden Association (GAGA) are organic. Only organic herbicides, fungicides or insecticides are allowed. No carpets or other potentially toxic material may be used as mulch to prevent weeds. All plastic sheeting, including biodegradable plastic, must be removed before Fall Clean-up.
6. Water must be used carefully and only on garden plots. Washing vehicles is not allowed. Sprinklers and hoses must not be left running unattended. Rubber washers must be used on all hose connections to prevent water leakage.
7. Organic material (weeds, discarded vegetables, stalks and vines) and trash, garbage, etc. must not be placed on pathways, laneways or in ditches. Organic compostable materials, if not ploughed into their plot by the member, may be placed in the designated compost area but all non-compostable trash and garbage must be removed from the garden plot site by the member.
8. Members must control weed growth on their plot(s), annual or perennial; keep the plot neat and tidy; and trim any long grass or weeds on the perimeter of their plot(s). Poor maintenance, too much weed growth, severe disease or pest damage, the growth of illegal plants, or the growth of plant(s) or crop(s) for sale is prohibited. See rule 16.
9. In the event of plot abandonment, the Board reserves the right to immediately cancel plot privileges for that year and subsequent years and re-assign the plot then or the next year.
10. Before Fall Clean-Up (held the first Saturday after Thanksgiving, weather permitting), all plant material with coarse stalks (e.g. corn, sunflowers, broccoli, cabbage) and vines should be finely cut and spread onto the member's plot or placed on the compost pile. As compost piles are often far from a plot at Orient, plant material may be placed on the laneway at the front of the plot. Spreading chopped plant material(s) on your plot is highly preferred.
11. Sticks, tools, string, plastics and paper etc., must be removed from the annual plots by the member and taken from the plot site by the member before Clean-Up Day.
12. All harvesting should be completed in the annual plots before Clean-Up Day to allow for Fall Maintenance to be carried out on the plots. Garden tools, plants and produce left on annual plots will be removed and disposed of on this date.
13. Dogs and other animals must be kept on a leash and away from plots if brought to the site. Animal waste must be removed and properly disposed of in available garbage barrels or off the garden site.
14. Any intimidating, threatening, or abusive behaviour toward the Board members or any other member of the GAGA is strictly prohibited.
15. GAGA shall not be held responsible for personal injury, or damage to vehicles and gardening equipment including loss or damage caused to plot areas as a result of vandalism.
16. 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 the Rules.

INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES

1. Association members are reminded that the deadline for submission of their registration form is the 31st of March and after this date their plot(s) will then be offered to gardeners on the waiting list.
2. Members who assist the Association will receive a reduction in fees the following year.
3. 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.
4. Plot numbers are 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). The staking location of each plot is established by the Board and must not be moved.
5. Plots will be routinely inspected for excessive weed growth and poor maintenance. Members will be contacted and requested to remedy the situation. See rules 8 and 16.
6. To avoid accidents and damage to the roadway, members and all other individuals travelling on the entrance and through the designated roadways around the plot areas shall not exceed the posted speed limit (20 km per hour).
7. It is expected that plots will be planted by July 1 of each year.