



GLOUCESTER ALLOTMENT GARDEN ASSOCIATION RULES & REGULATIONS

George Bushell Anderson Road 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 the adherence 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 the 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 reassigned.
4. Gardening activities must be confined to the member's own plot(s) and may not interfere with adjacent plots. Corn must be planted on the south and west sides of the plot so as not to shade the neighbouring gardens. 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 around each plot so there is a 2 foot 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, used as mulch must be removed by the end of the season.
6. Water must be used carefully and only on garden plots. Washing vehicles is not allowed. Attaching hoses to the water system is not allowed. Short hose pieces attached to the taps by GAGA must not be removed. Watering must only be done with watering cans. Pails are not allowed.
7. Organic material (weeds, discarded vegetables, stalks and vines) and trash, garbage, etc. must not be placed on pathways, laneways or in ditches or outside the deer fence. All organic compostable material that is not left on the garden as compost must be taken to the compost pile on the other side of Weir Road. The compostable material must be thrown onto the compost pile. It must not be dumped in front of the pile.
8. All non-compostable trash and garbage must be removed from the garden plot site by the member.
9. 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 18
10. In the event of plot abandonment, the Board reserves the right to cancel plot privileges for that year and subsequent years and re-assign the plot immediately or the next year.
11. End of Season Clean-up: all plant material with coarse stalks (e.g. corn, sunflowers, broccoli, cabbage, castor beans) and vines should be finely cut and spread onto the member's plot or placed on the compost pile. Large roots must be dug out and removed. Spreading chopped plant material(s) on your plot is highly preferred.
12. Sticks, garden tools, string, plastics and paper etc., must be removed from the Annual Plots by the member by the end of the season. Plant stakes and poles may be stored on the grass borders by the deer fence and must be put back on the plots immediately after tilling.
13. Because of the deer fence enclosing the Anderson gardens, dogs are not allowed on this site.
14. If an Anderson member or anyone connected to him/her does not properly close a deer fence gate including locking it if they are the last to leave, or interferes in any way with a locked gate, or attaches a hose to the water system, the Board reserves the right to cancel plot privileges for that year and subsequent years.
15. Nothing is to be thrown over the deer fence. Any member who damages the deer fence shall pay to have it repaired by a contractor approved by the Board. If the member refuses, the Board reserves the right to cancel plot privileges for that year and subsequent years.
16. Any intimidating, threatening or abusive behaviour toward Board members or any other member of GAGA is strictly prohibited.
17. GAGA shall not be held responsible for personal injury, damage to vehicles and gardening equipment and loss or damage caused to plots as a result of vandalism.
18. 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. It is expected that plots will be planted by July 1 of each year.