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Spruce Grove Agricultural Community Garden Garden Plot Agreement 2023 for New Gardeners

I (We), _____, resident(s) of _____, agree to the following as conditions for renting a garden plot with the Spruce Grove Agricultural Community Garden.

This garden plot agreement covers a maximum time period between May-October, 2023*.

*Dates of this agreement may vary depending on weather and garden preparation.

The Spruce Grove Agricultural Community Garden executive may rent plots to out of town and county residents if there are plots available and if the person wishing to rent has a full-time job strictly in the City of Spruce Grove.

- I have the first opportunity to get the same plot next year by following garden rules & registering before April 15.
- I will have my garden plot **planted by June 13 and cleaned out by October 11, 2023.**
- Plot rental fees are: 4 ft x 8 ft plot - **\$33.**
- Plots that are not maintained (planted, weeded, harvested, and cleaned) will revert back to the garden committee to be assigned to another gardener or the food bank without refund.
- Up-keep of the garden during the growing season is the responsibility of the gardener or group assigned to the plot. If the plot is not being maintained or weeds are left uncontrolled, the gardener will receive a warning. If after the warning there is no change to the maintenance of the plot, we reserve the right to release the gardener from their noted contract and to re-assign and/or take over the plot. The gardener shall be notified of this action prior to its occurrence and shall NOT receive any reimbursement for costs incurred.
- The garden team will assume a neglected plot to be abandoned if it has not been tended within seven (7) days of notification and will be given to another gardener.
- I/(We) am/(are) not permitted to give away my garden plot. The garden committee decides who can use a plot.
- Any crops left in my plot after October 11, 2023 will be given to the local Food Bank or tilled into the ground.
- All items planted in the community garden are subject to approval by the committee. No exceptions will be made with respect to the planting of invasive species. The committee reserves the right to remove any and all items deemed to be unacceptable or non-compliant with City of Spruce Grove standards.
- Gardeners are encouraged to attend events run by the garden committee. Notices will be sent by email, phone or posted on the notice board.
- Gardeners will attend one orientation session prior to receiving a plot.



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Dealing with Pests and weeds, I will:

- Use only natural pesticides, herbicides and insecticides or materials selected by the garden committee.
- Deal with insect and weed infestations quickly with approved products to prevent spread to other plots.

Fertilizing and compost, I will:

- Adequately dilute emulsified fish and seaweed fertilizers prior to application so as not to attract cats to the site.
- Follow composting and mulching guidelines as provided by the garden committee.
- Not add meat or dairy products to the compost.

Maintaining the plot, I will:

- Restrict crops that grow over 4 feet in height to a maximum row length of 4 feet so as not to shade neighbouring beds.
- Use trellises that are stable in all weather conditions and do not shade other gardens.
- Keep weeds out of my plot and clip the weeds around my plot
- Help weed common areas near my garden plot.
- Use the garbage and recycle containers to keep litter out of my plot and the paths around it.

Perennial Management, I will:

- Perennials may be planted and maintained as per the following rules:
 1. I pre-book my box for the next year (notice will be sent out in August/September 2023)
 2. I ensure the perennials only cover 25% of the garden box.
 3. I winterize the perennials with leaves and dirt only. No structures or burlap can be used.
 4. I turn over the dirt in the remainder of the box ensuring all annuals and weeds are removed.

Community, I will:

- Assist in looking after the common beds.
- Not bring pets into the garden.
- Participate in two (2) garden clean-up days per year.
- Keep plot soil off walkways.
- Clean shared garden tools and return them to the storage shed.
- Understand that SGA Community Garden tools are used at your own risk.
- Be responsible for my own hand tools.
- Respect other gardeners' rights and not be detrimental to other renters.
- Take responsibility for any non-gardeners accompanying me to the site and ensure that children are supervised.
- Use wood chips, shavings, mulch, or grass clippings to reduce weeds & conserve water.
- Share community water from community tanks; no individual tanks.
- SGA Community Garden is a non-smoking area.



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- I acknowledge that the SGA Community Garden will be open to the public 24 hours a day and that vandalism may occur. The SGA Community Garden will not be held liable for any damage or loss arising from providing open access to the public.
- Email or send a Facebook message to the contacts provided when the water tanks are empty or low.
- Only park in designated location at the back of the church or across the street.
- Follow all public health regulation and respect social distancing.

I/(We) understand that we will not hold liable the Spruce Grove Agricultural Community Garden. Failure to comply with the above conditions will void this agreement.

In exchange for the use of a garden plot for the 2023 season, the undersigned hereby releases from liability and waives all rights to sue the Spruce Grove & District Agricultural Society, its employees, officers, volunteers, agents from any and all claims, including claims of negligence, physical injury, illness, death or economic loss that may be suffered by the undersigned and/or his/her guests, during use or subsequent consumption of any harvested goods. The undersigned further agrees to hold harmless and indemnify, on a solicitor and its own client basis, the Spruce Grove & District Agricultural Society for all claims arising, directly or incidentally, from my participation in the Spruce Grove Agricultural Community Garden. This waiver and indemnity shall be binding upon the undersigned and his/her respective heirs, successors, assigns and representatives.

Main Contact Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

Email: _____ Phone: () _____

Best contact method: • Email • Phone Plot number (last year): _____

Would you like the same plot or a new plot: • Same • New: _____

Updates about the garden will be sent out through the Spruce Grove Ag Society Newsletter.

Would you like to be contacted about:

- Volunteer opportunities
- Bingo
- Events



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Signature: _____ Date: _____

Witness: _____ Date: _____

\$33 rental fee can be E-transferred with agreement sent to: communitygardensg@gmail.com

By renting a box you also receive a membership for the Spruce Grove & District Agricultural Society. The Spruce Grove & District Agricultural Society provides facilities, programs and events that gather families to celebrate agriculture's influence on the past, present and future of our community. It was founded in 1972 and has helped with all types of projects including the Agrena, this garden and is home to the Spruce Grove Grain Elevator and water tower.

Please contact for approval for the use of any unusual gardening practises before the season.

Office use only	Good standing:	• Yes • No
Date received: _____	Gardener since: _____	
Payment received: _____		
• Approved	Plot # _____	• Waitlist • Rejected: _____