

**Varsity Community Garden
Membership Agreement
(April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019)**

This membership agreement entitles each household to one garden plot for one growing season. Returning garden plot renters 'in good standing' may renew their membership on the same garden provided they register and pay for that plot on or before the **AGM, March 15, 2018**. Any garden plots that are not renewed before the AGM will become available on a 'first-come, first-served' basis. Priority for plot assignment will be given to Varsity residents.

Name: (Please Print) _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Street Address: _____

Postal Code: _____

I am interested in being a Volunteer only: (Yes) _____ (No) _____

I am interested in a Plot Rental: (Yes) _____ (No) _____

Plot #: _____ (To be assigned)

Fee: _____ \$34

Voluntary Garden Assignment. (See page 3) _____

I am interested in being a Director at Large: (Yes) _____ (No) _____

I have read and agree to the attached terms and conditions.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Gardener

Once your Membership Agreement has been approved payment can be made to the Varsity Community Association by phone 403-288-9001 or in person at the Community Centre 4303 Varsity Drive NW.

* For Insurance purposes we require all volunteers to complete and submit a membership agreement.

As a member of the Varsity Community Garden, I agree to:

1. Attend the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in March.
2. Participate in the on-going maintenance of the Varsity Community Garden:
 - Participate in the Garden Spring Clean-Up when announced;
 - Participate in a Fall Clean-Up when announced;
 - Attend scheduled work bees during the season if announced.
3. Plant my garden no later than **June 15th**.
4. Clean up, and winterize my garden plot no later than **October 31st**.
5. Adhere to organic gardening principles and will not use chemical fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides or insecticides in the garden.
6. Use water wisely; be conservative, do not use hoses that leak; turn off the water if I am the last member leaving the garden.
7. Chop and compost organic waste from the garden.
8. Maintain my plot and communal areas by weeding, cleaning and disposing of garbage. Communal areas include pathways and sitting/eating areas. Garden plots that are not maintained (planted, weeded, watered, and harvested) will be returned to the VCGC (7 days after notification to the gardener), and the plot will be assigned to the next gardener on the wait list. Members must ensure their garden plots are maintained during any absence (vacation, illness, etc.).
9. Share in the maintenance and cleaning of the tool shed and any shared tools and hoses.
10. Recycle, reduce, and re-use materials and tools.
11. Promote safety (keep pathways clear).
12. Take responsibility for any children and guests accompanying me to the garden, and ensure that children are supervised.
13. Not bring pets into the garden.
14. Respect other gardeners and their plots and practice common courtesy (no littering; no structures, e.g. trellises which will interfere with my neighbours' garden). I shall not harvest plants, flowers, fruit or vegetables from other gardeners' plots unless given permission by the plot renter.
15. No smoking within the garden or within 100 feet of the garden, and ensure that any guests abide by this rule.
16. Protect the security of the garden.

Failing to comply with this agreement will result in membership and plot rental being revoked, and the member will be banned from renting a garden plot during the next gardening season.

Signing this agreement absolves the Varsity Community Garden and the Varsity Community Association from any liability, financial or otherwise which may result in the event of accidents.

Voluntary Assignment Opportunities

If everyone signs up for a Voluntary Team the work can be spread out so your time commitment is reasonable. Please sign up to do one or more activity for at least one month. Please email the Director of Communications, Bert Einsiedel, for more information. beinsiedel@gmail.com

Team	Description
Water	Water the hanging flower baskets and communal plots.
Trash	Take the trash to the VCA dumpster and replace the liner.
Tool Shed	Sweep floor and organize tools in the shed.
Water Barrels	Fill Blue Water Barrels with clean water.
Website	Tweak and update website design, text and photos.
Lawn	Mow and trim lawn.
Compost	Chop, turn and water compost piles. Instruct others on proper use of the composting system.
Communal Patches	Plant, weed, water and tend the communal Herb Gardens, Rhubarb Patch and Potato Patch.
Garden Angel	Look after vacationing gardeners' plots when needed.
Board of Directors	Nine Executive positions are available. More information is available in the Constitution.