



Craig Community Garden Policy 2017

Participants can be involved by:

- a. Having a plot or by gardening in the communal spaces
- b. Donating resources such as garden tools, backyard sweepings, garden clippings or kitchen scraps.

We have a philosophy of:

- a. Organic gardening
- b. Using compost and manures to enrich the soil

To reduce pests we:

- a. Use companion planting
- b. Encourage the local bird population
- c. Discourage cats from being in and around the garden

As a new member of Craig Community Garden I agree to the following principles:

1. To be involved in:
 - a. Watering
 - b. Organization – attending meetings to talk the garden, planning, letting other members know about what happens at the meetings, keeping the membership/donor list up to date.
 - c. Composting – bring your food scraps to the garden, obtaining straw, leaves, grass material whenever you can.
 - d. Acting with respect and consideration towards other members of the garden; examples of this are:
 - i. Not planting tall plants in places which shade other plants, and to replant any plants which are unwanted in your plot in the communal spaces in the garden.
 - ii. Don't take anyone else's produce
 - e. Respecting the history of the garden as an organic garden – Synthetic chemical sprays and fertilizers destroy friendly insect predators; biodegradable sprays made from plants such as garlic, pyrethrum or derris (rotenone) are kind to the environment and break down after 48 hours, leaving no harmful residues. These are to be used as a last resort to get rid of pests. Companion planting and paying local children to destroy snails are practical examples of innovative/organic ways to get rid of pests.



- f. Bringing concerns or issues to a monthly meeting or contacting a member of the Garden Committee to address any concerns or issues you would like discussed.
- g. Keeping your individual plot reasonably free of weeds – laying down newspaper and mulching continuously
- h. Notifying a member of the Garden Committee should you no longer wish to be involved in the garden. This will keep the user-sheet accurate and update to date.
- i. Using the Communication Board posted in greenhouse/other media – to notify other garden members about communal space activities and to read the communications board when attending the garden.

2. Aims

- a. Promote a harmonious mix of the diverse approaches to sustainable gardening.
- b. Encourage the spirit of cooperation, consultation, community pride and achievement.
- c. Making productive use of city land.
- d. To acquire, share and increase knowledge and practice of organic gardening.
- e. Cooperate with nature to establish and maintain an ecological balanced and sustainable method of growing fruit, vegetables, and flowers.
- f. To act locally and think globally.

3. Guidelines

- a. New projects and initiatives are welcome and are discussed at meetings.
- b. No plot shall be created without approval.
- c. A current member, without charge, may work unused plots until a new member requires it with approval.
- d. The community encourages members to contribute any skills you may wish to share, and the formation of interest groups; eg. Composting, resource gathering, seed raising, newsletter, lobbying, site planning.
- e. Gardening classes can be held in the area, and will be open to public.

4. Membership

- a. Active Membership Annual User Box– The member pays for a plot and is expected to operate and maintain it. It is also expected that the member will assist in the overall maintenance of the garden. All active members are required to pay yearly fee of \$10.00 per plot.



- b. Plots are limited to two per person unless additional boxes are requested and remain available for planting as of May 31st.
5. Display Unit and Map of Area
- a. Display plot map with numbers, and names in green house. As new member pays a new name will be added. This will be annually updated.
 - b. A number, and name will be on each plot listing the annual owner, and maintenance fee paid.
6. Office Bearers
- a. Volunteer Community Garden Committee will manage the administrative affairs of the group. The Garden Committee will be made up of members responsible for overseeing the various aspects of garden maintenance. They will be re-elected each year at a public meeting open to all community members.
7. Disputes
- a. Disputes will be resolved at a special meeting called on request.
 - b. A majority vote will rule per the Community Garden Task Force.
8. Responsibilities
- a. If it is not possible for an active member to maintain their plot for two months, their qualification for the use of that plot will be reviewed, with the possibility of their plot being forfeited.
 - b. If a member goes against the spirit of this policy, their membership will be reviewed.
 - c. Requests to obtain plots for following year may be reviewed if plots are neglected in previous year.

Member Signature: _____ Date: _____

2017 Garden Committee Members:

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