

# St. Barnabas Community Garden



## General Garden Rules 2026 Season

I Will:

- Respect all gardeners, their plots and common areas.
- Have something planted by June 10, 2026 and keep the plot planted all season.
- Ensure my plot is cleaned up by October 31, 2026, except for any plants left to overwinter.
- Help maintain the composting system by following the Composting and Mulching Guidelines.
- Participate with community gardening efforts by
  - attending, or sending a proxy to, at least 3 of the scheduled work days
  - doing at least one common area task, as seen on the calendar, when tending to my own plot
  - participate in the fall garden clean-up each growing season.
- Ensure my plot and surrounding areas are weed, litter and garbage free.
- Harvest only my own crop unless given permission by another plot user.
- Harvest produce when it is ripe and not leave it to rot.
- Ensure anything added to the compost is cut small enough to break down quickly
- Ensure the following is not added to the compost:
  - diseased plants
  - weeds that have gone to seed or with roots that will regrow (e.g. dandelions)
  - meat or dairy products (with the exception of blood meal and bone meal)
  - chemically treated wood
  - conifer needles
  - pet waste or feces
  - potato plants.
- Practice water conservation.
- Use mulch as appropriate to reduce the need for watering.
- Water my plots by hand (watering can).
- Clean and return to tool shed shared garden tools.
- Ensure visitors and children follow all garden guidelines.
- Ensure no pets of any kind will be allowed to enter the garden at any time.
- Ensure no smoking in the garden and immediate areas.
- Not use chemical fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides, insecticides, or soils/composts pre-treated with any of these in the garden.
- Deal with insect and weed infestations promptly to prevent spread to other areas.
- Adequately dilute emulsified fish and seaweed fertilizers prior to application so as not to attract cats to the site.
- Not plant the following without special permission from garden committee:
  - mint
  - raspberries
  - any plant on the list of invasive plant species for Alberta (<https://open.alberta.ca/publications/6740590>).
- Ensure trellises are stable in all weather conditions and do not shade other plots.
- Ensure cold frames do not exceed 2 ft in height above the frame of the bed.
- Not place any structures beyond the boundary of your assigned bed.
- Plant tall crops where they will not shade neighbouring plots.
- Not use genetically modified (GMO) seeds or plants.

*I have read the Community Garden Rules and understand that failure to meet the guidelines will result in loss of my clean up deposit and gardening privileges.*

Signature(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_