



Community Garden 2023 Handbook



PROCESS:

1. Contact the Village of Innisfree to obtain an application via:
 - www.innisfree.ca or admin@innisfree.ca or
 - 780-592-3886
2. Review the guidelines and application requirements.
3. Complete the application and submit.
4. Once your application has been reviewed and if accepted, you will be notified of your plot location. You will have use of the plot for one growing season.

AGREEMENT:

The Innisfree Community Garden project is made possible with the support of the following partner:

- Village of Innisfree – provision of vacant lot, preparation of garden space, grass maintenance and water supply

The Village of Innisfree agrees to:

1. Market the project and communicate with residents
2. Prepare the soil for initial planting
3. Ensure grass borders are maintained
4. Provide access to fresh water (water tank to be filled once/week)
5. Cancel this agreement if the Gardener does not adhere to the guidelines attached

GUIDELINES:

PLANTING

- Garden plots are reserved on a first come first served basis
- Past gardeners will have first offer to the garden plot they had in the previous year. They will be required to sign an agreement when offered the plot.
- Garden plots will be assigned by the Village of Innisfree.
- Garden plots may be planted on or after Friday, May 19, 2023
- Garden plots must be completely vacated by Sunday, October 15, 2023

WATER

- Water will be provided by the Village of Innisfree.
- Tank will be filled once/week.
- Gardeners are to provide their own watering cans or buckets.

TOOLS

- Storage for tools is not provided on site.
- Gardeners must bring their own tools (hoes, shovels, gloves, planting stakes, etc.)

WEED & PEST CONTROL

- Use of pesticides, herbicides, DDT derivatives or animal poisons is strictly PROHIBITED.

TRASH & RECYCLING

- Gardeners are to haul out all trash, recycling and compost.

PETS

- Only service animals can be permitted on site: animals must be leashed, wearing service vest/identification and not in direct contact with edibles.
- It is recommended to wash hands before and after interacting with pets.

PREPARATION AND PLANTING OF GARDEN PLOT

- Gardeners can plan annual produce, plants or flowers only.
- No invasive plants are allowed. Visit <https://www.alberta.ca/about-invasive-plants-and-weeds.aspx> for more information.
- No bushes, hedges, trees or other perennial plants are permitted.
- No fences or structures may be erected, such as benches, picnic tables and arbors.
- Plant supporting structures may be used, such as tomato cages and frost coverings.
- ***No illegal substances may be consumed or planted in the community garden.***

MAINTENANCE OF GARDEN PLOT

- Weeds must be maintained on a weekly basis.
- Gardeners must arrange for someone to tend to the plot if away for an extended period.
- Gardeners are asked to haul out all trash, recycling and litter.

SAFETY & SECURITY

- Always supervise children and pets.
- Harvest only from your garden plot.
- Acquaint yourself with your garden neighbors.
- Report any theft or vandalism to the Village of Innisfree.
- **No smoking** is permitted in any part of the community garden.

PHOTOS

- The community garden is a public place and photos are permitted to be taken.
- The Village of Innisfree may also take photos and use them for marketing purposes.

TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

GARDENERS:

- Gardeners may terminate their membership at any time by notifying the Village of Innisfree.
- Gardeners are responsible for returning their plot to its original state upon termination.

Village of Innisfree:

- The Village may terminate membership if the Gardener is not complying with the guidelines.
- The Village will contact the Gardener and the Gardener will be given seven days to tend to their plot.
- If, after seven days, the Gardener does not comply, the plot will be tilled under.

Application Form

I understand that neither the Village of Innisfree nor the landowners are responsible for my actions. I therefore agree to hold harmless the Village of Innisfree and the landowners (Village of Innisfree) for any liability, damage, loss or claim that occurs in connection with use of the community gardens by my guests or myself.

I agree to abide by the attached guidelines:

Name: _____

Home Phone #: _____

Cell Phone #: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____



FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

APPROVAL DATE: _____

PLOT NUMBER: _____