



COMMUNITY GARDEN

VOLUNTEER PACKET

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Welcome to the CommunityWise Garden Club. This Welcome Packet contains important information about how our garden operates and who to contact with general and specific questions. It also contains information about how you can pitch in to make the garden run smoothly and efficiently. Because community gardening requires a fair amount of work, every gardener is asked to participate to the best of their ability in the management and upkeep of the entire garden.

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WELCOME TO COMMUNITY GARDENING

Welcome to the CommunityWise Community Garden! Community Gardens mean a lot of things to a lot of people. For some, it's a place to grow food with friends and community members. For others, it's a chance to connect with nature and for some, it's just a chance to connect with the community. Whatever your reason, we're glad to garden with you! Regardless of why you're volunteering to garden with us, it comes with both responsibility and reward. Prosperous and lively community gardens depend on the dedication and commitment of each and every gardener.

RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Ensuring to abide by the CommunityWise Code of Conduct.
2. Contributing to the upkeep and management of the entire garden.
There are many jobs that need to be done in order to help the garden run smoothly, including co-leaders, composting crew etc. (see pg.04 Garden Club Job Descriptions, for a complete list).

REWARDS

- Community gardens enable people to grow high-quality produce for themselves, their families, and their communities.
- Gardening needs some exercise and contributes to gardeners' overall physical wellness.
- Interacting with plants and nature helps gardeners relieve stress and boost their sense of wellness and belonging.
- Gardeners who participate in community gardens develop a feeling of community identification and stewardship. They serve as a gathering place for people from all origins to socialize and share cultural traditions.

WHAT'S THE GARDEN CLUB?

The Garden Club is a collective that works together to cultivate and maintain a collective garden located in the backyard of CommunityWise Resource Center.

A collective garden is a garden that reflects CommunityWise's mission of creating a community FOR us and BY us. The collective garden will be controlled by the garden club through a democratic style. This means that members will vote on what crops to grow in the garden, what to do with the harvest, what projects to take on and much more.

The garden co-leaders will coordinate and facilitate all activities as well as liaise with the coordinator to discuss budgets, tools and supplies.

For the year 2023, the coordinator is: Imole (She/Her)

To contact her

Email: imole@communitywise.net

Call: 403-261-9660

GUIDELINES

1. All gardeners are required to complete an application form. A seasonal(yearly) fee of \$5 for CommunityWise Members and \$10 for non-members is due.
2. All gardeners are required to sign up for one of the garden jobs. Please contact the garden co-leaders for more information.
3. Garden meetings and work parties are scheduled throughout the season. Please plan to attend and get to know your fellow gardeners and help with garden upkeep.
4. Pick up litter when you see it.
5. Please put weeds and dead plants into the compost bin provided. Any diseased plants or seedy or invasive weeds are to be bagged and put in the trash so as not to contaminate the gardens.
6. Please do not leave the water on unattended. When finished gardening for the day, please roll up the hose at the faucet area in the janitor's closet, return tools to the shed and lock the shed before leaving the garden.
7. Ensure the backdoor to the building is properly closed and locked when you have finished gardening.
8. Please supervise children in the garden. Sidewalks chalk and tables are available for them to play with/on.
9. For your safety, only garden during daylight hours. Consider gardening in pairs or keeping a cell phone nearby if it makes you feel more comfortable.
10. Report theft, vandalism and unusual activities to the garden co-leaders.
11. Use common courtesy, be considerate of your gardening neighbors and enjoy the garden!

GARDEN JOB DESCRIPTIONS

CO-LEADERS

Primary contacts for the garden. Coordinate and facilitate all gardening activities and meetings. Recruit and schedule garden volunteers for various jobs and positions. Provide leadership and guidance for gardeners and volunteer positions below. Chair the garden committee meetings.

COMMUNICATIONS CREW/FACILITATORS (1-3 HOURS/WEEK)

Communicates with gardeners through email, phone calls or mailings about garden news, meetings and events. Ensures gardeners are in touch through meetings, phone calls, mail, email or text. Works with coordinator for marketing/promotion.

COMPOSTING CREW (2-4 HOURS/WEEK)

Maintains and oversees the composting and compost bins. Provides gardeners with clear composting instructions via signs, verbal communication, workshops, emails or memos.

EDUCATION FACILITATOR (1-3 HOURS/WEEK)

Possess gardening experience and a willingness to share it with gardeners. Sets up educational workshops and connects new and experienced gardeners for mentoring.

GARDEN JOB DESCRIPTIONS

SAFETY/GROUNDS CREW (1-3 HOURS/WEEK):

Provides information on garden safety and accident avoidance, monitors the garden for safety hazards and addresses them, and makes sure first aid materials are on hand along with people with first aid knowledge.

MAKE YOUR OWN JOB!

POSITION: _____

HOURS PER WEEK: _____

DESCRIPTION: _____

Note: self-made jobs might be up to approval of the rest of the club