



**THORNCLIFF COMMUNITY GARDEN
GARDENER’S CONTRACT**

NAME	
ADDRESS	
PHONE	
EMAIL	

I agree to be a good community gardener by:

1. Keeping vegetation in my plot under control, including controlling the growth of weeds, and using only organic products in my garden plot, and not using any pesticides, herbicides, or chemical fertilizers.
2. Removing garbage from my site and composting garden waste.
3. Keeping tools and equipment clean and returning tools and equipment back into the storage unit after each use.
4. Attending garden related meetings and events, including seasonal clean ups.
5. Helping to keep the common area neat and weed-free.
6. Attending meetings as called by the Community Garden Chair.

Plot Selection

All gardeners must complete and application and pay the designated fee. Plots are 6 ft X 12 ft in size and are assigned on a first-come first-served basis by the Chair. Gardeners returning from one year to the next have the first right of refusal for one (1) plot rented in the previous year.

Fees

The cost per season to rent a garden plot is \$25 or a low bed and \$40 for a high bed paid in cash or by cheque. Members are asked to pay their rental fees to the Community Garden Chair at the April meeting; fees must be received no later than April 30 to reserve a plot for the season. NSF cheques may disqualify a gardener to rent their assigned plot for the current season if this action is deemed appropriate by the Chair.

Meetings

Community Garden meetings are held in April, June, August and October at the garden site, or if meeting space can be arranged at the Thorncliff School, 8215-175 Street, or elsewhere within Thorncliff. Community Gardeners are expected to attend these meetings. Meeting dates are set at the April meeting, and meeting notices are sent via email in advance of each meeting, along with the agenda and related meeting materials by the Secretary. If there is no need for an August meeting, it will be cancelled at the call of the Chair.

Volunteering

Gardeners are encouraged to contribute to the garden community by volunteering as needed, including as a member of the Steering Committee, Executive Committee or Ad Hoc Subcommittees that are formed from time to time for special projects or tasks. To volunteer, please email info@thorncliffcl.ca.

Planting, Maintenance and Harvesting

Members are responsible for supplying their own seeds. All gardeners will be notified if plants or seeds are donated to the Thorncliff Community Garden, which will be provided for all gardeners to share. Notification will be made by email by the Chair or Secretary.

To avoid various problems, the garden chair (or designate) will, after consultation with all gardeners, determine which plants may (or may not) be planted. A list of permitted and prohibited plants will be provided, and all gardeners must adhere to the decision. If a gardener fails to comply, the community garden chair, or designate, will provide one week's verbal notice for the gardener to remove the plant(s). If the plant is not gone one week after the notice, it may be removed from the garden plot by the community garden chair or designate.

If you need help keeping your garden plot tidy and weed free, please let the Thorncliff Community Garden Chair know, or email info@thorncliffcl.ca. All garden plots must be planted by June 15, or gardens and fees paid may be forfeited.

Facilities

Members who drive to the community garden are encouraged to park on 82 Avenue. Parking in the Thorncliff School parking lot is at your own risk and should only be used on weekends and after 5:00 p.m. during weeknights during the school year (September 1 to June 30).

There are no washroom facilities on site.

Community Garden Members may make use of the shared tool shed, bench, and shared tools. The lock combination is available by contacting the community garden chair (contact info noted above). Sharing the lock combination with non-garden members **is strictly prohibited and must never be given to family members under the age of 14 or to anyone who is not a community garden member**. Each garden member must keep the storage unit locked at all times to avoid theft. If a gardener does not keep storage unit locked and items are stolen, they may be held responsible for replacing the stolen items.

Watering

Currently, Thorncliffe School provides the water source for the community garden, and the water tanks are monitored and filled by designated community volunteers, but all members are encouraged to assist with filling the water containers if needed. However, community garden members are responsible for watering their own garden beds with the aid of the available watering cans or hoses, and to report any dripping or leaking water taps, or damage to water tanks to the community garden chair or designate. Children and youth are encouraged to help watering, but parents are responsible to ensure that it is not done in a wasteful manner (i.e. no water fights).

Theft and Vandalism

Members are responsible for keeping the garden gate locked at all times, particularly when leaving the garden. The lock to the garden gate must **not** be hung on the fence by the gate opening. It needs to be placed in a secure place within the garden while working. Members are responsible for reporting any vandalism or theft to the community garden chair.

Agreement

I have read and agree with all the expectations for my participation in the Thorncliff Community Garden. I participate in the community garden entirely at my own risk. I understand that Thorncliff Community League, the City of Edmonton, nor the Thorncliff Community Garden are responsible for the safety of, or responsible to, my actions and my guests.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Chair: _____

Date: _____

Printed Name: _____