

Township of Perry Community Garden Policy

1. Purpose

The purpose of the Township of Perry Community Garden Program is to provide residents with the opportunity to cultivate and harvest fresh produce for personal consumption, foster community engagement, and encourage sustainable local food production.

2. Eligibility and Application Process

- Community garden plots are available to **Township residents only**.
 - Interested individuals must submit a **Community Garden Plot Application** to the Township by the posted annual deadline.
 - If the number of applications exceeds the number of available plots, plots will be **allocated through a lottery draw**.
 - Applicants who were awarded a plot in the previous year are **not guaranteed** a plot the following year and must **reapply annually**.
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3. Plot Use Agreement

- Successful applicants must sign a **Community Garden Plot Use Agreement** prior to receiving access to their plot.
 - The agreement will confirm that the plot will be used **solely for the cultivation of fruits, vegetables, herbs, and flowers for personal use and consumption**.
 - The **growing of cannabis or any other prohibited plants** is strictly forbidden and will result in immediate revocation of plot privileges.
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4. Garden Maintenance

- Plot holders are **responsible for all maintenance**, including planting, weeding, watering, and general upkeep of their assigned plot.
- Plots must be **kept in a neat and orderly condition** throughout the growing season.
- If a plot becomes neglected, the Township reserves the right to issue a notice requiring remediation. Continued neglect may result in the **loss of gardening privileges**.
- The Township will provide a 1000 litre water tote which will periodically be filled by Township staff.
- The Township will provide a Garden shed where tools, watering cans, etc can be stored and each plot holder will be assigned a key at the beginning of the season.

5. End of Season Requirements

- At the conclusion of the growing season, plot holders are required to:
 - **Remove all plants, stakes, and debris** from their plot.
 - Leave the plot **clean and ready for spring planting**.
 - Return the key(s) to the Township office by specified deadline
- Failure to clean up by the specified deadline may impact eligibility for future participation.

6. Term and Renewal

- Plot assignments are **valid for one growing season only**.
- Gardeners must **reapply each year** to be considered for a plot.
- The Township may adjust the number or location of plots based on demand and available resources.

7. Compliance

- Participants must comply with all Township rules, regulations, and by-laws related to community gardens.
- The Township reserves the right to revoke a plot assignment for non-compliance, misconduct, or misuse of Township property.

8. Liability

- Gardeners participate at their **own risk**.
- The Township assumes **no responsibility for loss, theft, damage, or injury** incurred while using the garden plots.