



## Garden Plot Agreement 2024

### New Gardeners / Returning Gardeners

I (We), \_\_\_\_\_, resident (s) of \_\_\_\_\_ (Address) agree to the following conditions for renting a garden plot with the Spruce Grove Agricultural Community Garden.

This garden plot agreement covers a maximum time period between May to October 2024. Dates of this agreement may vary depending on weather and garden preparation.

*The Spruce Grove Agricultural Community Garden plots will be made available to residents residing within the municipal boundary of Spruce Grove first. Applications received from those who reside outside of the municipality of Spruce Grove will be considered on a case-by-case basis. The Garden Committee sincerely thanks everyone who applies and contributes to our amazing community!*

- I have the first opportunity to get the same plot next year by following garden rules and registering **before November 15, 2023**.
- I will have my garden plot **planted by the 13<sup>th</sup> of June 2024 and cleaned out by the 11<sup>th</sup> of October 2024**.
- I agree to plot rental fees for one 4 ft x 8 ft plot of **\$33.00**, which includes an automatic annual membership with the Spruce Grove and District Agricultural Society.
- Plots that are not maintained (planted, weeded, harvested, and cleaned) will revert back to the Garden Committee to be reassigned without refund.
- I understand that up-keep of the garden during the growing season is the responsibility of the gardener or group assigned to the plot.
  - If the plot is not being maintained or weeds are left uncontrolled, the gardener will receive a written warning.
  - It is the responsibility of the gardener or group assigned to the plot to maintain their plot, check their emails/texts regularly, and respond accordingly to communications.
  - If after the written warning, there is no change to the maintenance of the plot, the Garden Committee reserves the right to release the gardener from their noted contract and re-assign and/or take over the plot.
  - The Garden Committee will assume that a neglected plot is abandoned if it has not been tended within seven (7) days of written notification.
- As a gardener, I am not permitted to give away, sub-lease or, re-assign my garden plot. The Garden Committee decides who can enter into an agreement for use of the plot(s).
- Any crops left in a garden plot after the 11<sup>th</sup> of October 2024 will become property of the Garden Committee.



- All items planted in the Community Garden are subject to approval by the Garden Committee. No exceptions will be made to the planting of invasive species. The Garden Committee reserves the right to remove any and all items deemed unacceptable or non-compliant with the City of Spruce Grove standards.
- Gardeners are encouraged to attend and volunteer at events run by the Garden Committee and the Ag Society. Notices will be sent by email, phone or posted on social media.
- Gardeners will attend one orientation session prior to receiving a plot, returning gardeners are encouraged to also attend the spring orientation session.

#### **Dealing with Pests and Weeds, I will:**

- Use only natural pesticides, herbicides and insecticides or material selected by the Garden Committee.
- Deal with insect and weed infestations quickly with approved products to prevent the spread to other plots.

#### **Fertilizing and Compost, I will:**

- Adequately dilute emulsified fish and seaweed fertilizers prior to application so as not to attract cats to the Garden.
- Follow composting and mulching guidelines as provided by the Garden Committee.
- Not add meat or dairy products to the compost.

#### **Maintaining the plot, I will:**

- Restrict crops that grow over 4 feet in height so as not to shade the neighboring plots, except for a few sunflowers that are encouraged to grow to maximum heights.
- Use trellises that are stable in all weather conditions and do not shade other garden boxes.
- Keep weeds out of my plot and clip the weeds around my plot.
- Help weed common areas near my garden plot.
- Use the nearby garbage and recycle containers to keep litter out of my plot and keep the paths around it clean.
- Use the compost bins on site or remove my compostable items myself.

#### **Perennial Management. I will:**

- Perennials may be planted and maintained as per the following rules:
  - I pre-book my box for the next year.
  - I ensure the perennials only cover 25% of the garden box.
  - I winterize the perennials with leaves and dirt only. No structures or burlap can be used.
  - I turn over the dirt in the remainder of the box ensuring all annuals and weeds are removed.

#### **As Part of the Garden Community, I will:**

- Assist in looking after the common plots.
- Not bring pets into the Garden.
- Participate in one Garden / Ag Society activity per year.
- Keep plot soil off the walkways.
- Clean shared garden tools and return them to the storage shed.
- Understand that the SGA Community Garden tools are used at my own risk.
- Be responsible for personal hand tools.
- Respect other gardeners' rights and not be detrimental to other renters.



- Take responsibility for any non-gardeners accompanying me to the site and ensure that children are supervised at all times.
- Use wood chips, shavings mulch or grass clippings to reduce weeds and conserve water.
- Share municipal water from community tanks; no individual tanks may be placed in the garden.
- Ensure that SGA Community Garden is a non-smoking area.
- I acknowledge that the SGA Community Garden will be open to the public 24 hours a day and that vandalism may occur. The SGA Community Garden will not be held liable for any damage or loss arising from proving open access to the public.
- Collaborate with other gardeners to keep water tanks filled and water used diligently.
- I will only park in the designated location at the back of the Church or across the street. Noting that Church parking is not available on Sundays until after 2:00 p.m.
- I agree to follow any applicable public health regulations.
- I agree to contact the Garden Committee for approval on the use of any unusual gardening practices before the season.

I (We) understand that we will not hold the Spruce Grove Agricultural Community Garden liable. Failure to comply with the above conditions will void this Agreement.

\$33.00 RENTAL FEE (for 2024 growing season) CAN BE E-TRANSFERRED WITH AGREEMENT SENT TO: [CommunityGardenSG@gmail.com](mailto:CommunityGardenSG@gmail.com).

In exchange for the use of a garden plot for the 2024 season, the undersigned hereby releases from liability and waives all rights to sue the Spruce Grove & District Agricultural Society, its employees, officers, volunteers, agents from any and all claims, including claims of negligence, physical injury, illness, death or economic loss that may be suffered by the undersigned and/or his/her/their guests, during use or subsequent consumption of any harvested good.

The undersigned further agrees to hold harmless and indemnify, on a solicitor and its own client basis, the Spruce Grove & District Agricultural Society for all claims arising, directly or incidentally, from my participation in the Spruce Grove Agricultural Community Garden. This waiver and indemnity shall be binding upon the undersigned and his/her/their respective heirs, successors, assigns and representatives.



## Spruce Grove and District Agricultural Society (the “Society”) Membership

By renting a box at the Spruce Grove Agricultural Community Garden, you receive an automatic membership with the Spruce Grove & District Agricultural Society. The Spruce Grove & District Agricultural Society provides facilities, programs and events that gather families to celebrate agriculture’s influence on the past, present and future of our community. It was founded in 1972 and has helped with all types of projects including, but not limited to, the Agrena, the Community Garden and is home to the Spruce Grove Grain Elevator and Water Tower.

### Member Code of Conduct

We, the Members of the Spruce Grove and District Agricultural Society accept our individual and collective duty to participate unselfishly.

We commit to:

- SERVE the Society by making decisions that best suit the interests of the Society and the community it serves.
- PREPARE and PARTICIPATE in order to add value to the organization at all general meetings and functions.
- HONOUR EACH OTHER during and outside of meetings, appreciating the value and diversity that each other’s experience and perspective brings to our organization.
- SPEAK POSITIVELY of the Society so that our Board, Staff and Public receive a clear, consistent, honest message that honors our organization.
- RESPECT of any information learned during our participation as members.
- AVOID CONFLICT OF INTEREST by informing the Board whenever there is a perceived conflict and abstaining from motions, discussion or decision making.
- UPHOLD COMMITMENTS by understanding the Society bylaws, being informed and supporting the plans set by the Board, ensuring the objectives of the Society are accomplished.
- SEEK EXCELLENCE by investing in personal and organization development and growth.

Main contact name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Best contact method: (Circle one)      Email      Phone

Plot Number (last year – if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like the same plot or a new plot? (circle one)      Same      New



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### Disclaimer and Signature

By signing this, I agree to the contents of this agreement including the Code of Conduct, and give the Spruce Grove Agricultural Community Garden and the Spruce Grove and District Agricultural Society permission to use my contact information in the indicated way.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Printed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### Volunteer Opportunities

What committees are you part of?	What committees would you like to be part of?
<b>Check please</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Agra Fair</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Archives</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Communications</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Community Gardens</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Finance</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Grants</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Bingos</li></ul></li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Winter Blooms Gala</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Governance</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Museum</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Nominating</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Repair and Maintenance<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Site Improvement</li></ul></li></ul>	<b>Check please</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Agra Fair</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Archives</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Communications</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Community Gardens</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Finance</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Grants</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Bingos</li></ul></li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Winter Blooms Gala</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Governance</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Museum</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Nominating</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Repair and Maintenance<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Site Improvement</li></ul></li></ul>

Office use only	Good standing:	Yes	No
	Application Signed:	Yes	No
Date received: _____	Gardener since: _____		
Payment received: _____			
Approved: Plot #: _____	Waitlist: _____		
Rejected: _____			
Witness: _____	Date: _____		



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