

MY RESPONSIBILITIES:

Gardeners lose the privilege of membership for failure to comply with the Gardeners Agreement and Safety Guidelines and for failure to: maintain trellis and fencing away from the reach of lawn care equipment, make a reasonable effort to control insect pests and diseases in one's own plot(s), or only use organic gardening practices. Gardeners will receive ample notification of any concerns and reasonable assistance, as deemed appropriate, to deal with any issues raised before membership is revoked.

MY VOLUNTEER DECLARATION:

I understand that successful and vibrant community gardens rely on the dedication of each and every gardener to not only maintain their own plot and surrounding pathways but contribute to the upkeep and management of the entire garden. I will consider volunteering in the garden for a minimum of two hours per month between April and October, inclusive, doing the following:

General garden duties: help to maintain the cleanliness of the garden area.

Garden Mentor: guide and support new gardeners in the planting and maintenance of their plot.

Plot maintenance: weeding, watering, crop monitoring.

Crafts (painting, creating signs, etc.)

Other duties that might come up throughout the growing season.

Volunteering is **not mandatory**, but we sure would appreciate the help.

DISPUTE RESOLUTION:

The Ville Cooperative will be the final arbitrator in issues of dispute.

LIABILITY:

I understand that The Ville Cooperative and Unity Ventures are not responsible for my actions. Thereby, I agree to hold blameless The Ville Cooperative and Unity Ventures for any liability, damage, loss, or claim, directly or indirectly, that occurs in connection with use of the garden by me, my family, or any of my guests.

PHOTO PUBLISHING NOTICE:

As a participant, you may appear in photography used to promote this program or The Ville as a whole. If you feel strongly about not appearing in photographs, please let us know. We are unable to ensure that your photograph will not be taken but we can hopefully work to come to an agreement that suits both parties equally. By signing below, I confirm that I have read and agree with the rules and guidelines set out above and in the Gardeners' Agreement to ensure the success of our community garden endeavor and to inform myself of safety considerations as outlined in the Safety Guidelines. I understand that failure to follow these guidelines will result in my loss of access to the garden.

GARDENERS' AGREEMENT:

The Ville promotes health, recreation, and sustainability by providing access to an essential hub that consists of professional workshops, camps and clubs, green technology initiatives, food security, dynamic programming, and many more opportunities within the Fredericton/Marysville community. The centre provides a platform to connect individuals from all walks of life, by creating an environment for any age or interest group to learn, share, and grow. I understand that The Ville will provide the land, initial soil amendment, water, and access to tools.

I agree that I will be responsible for:

- Soil preparation
- Seasonal fertilizing (at the renter's discretion)
- Planting
- Maintenance of any trellis or fencing my allotted plot(s) such that they not interfere with lawn maintenance
- Clearing my plot(s) in the fall once the season is complete

I understand that I may contact The Ville Agriculture Department to assist me, especially if I am a new gardener, to report maintenance issues, to check my garden plot for compliance with guidelines, and for assistance with issues related to the garden. I understand that gardeners are invited to attend Community Garden meetings and social gatherings. I understand that plots are assigned on a first come first served basis. Members may apply for more than one plot and pay additional fees for each plot. If plot(s) are unused, members will be contacted once by email then once by phone by The Ville to be given a friendly reminder. If plot(s) are still unused the member in question may lose their plot(s) with no refund.

As a Ville gardener, I agree to:

1. Be respectful of other gardeners and their rights to garden communally.
2. Follow all safety guidelines and immediately report any issues to the Agriculture Department.
3. Apply organic gardening practices, refraining from the use of chemicals.
4. Comply with insect pest and disease management when requested (or, preferably, before requested).
5. Keep pathways clear of obstacles.

6. Store tools safely in assigned spots in the shed.
7. Minimize water use by watering in the morning or evening and not letting the IBC spout overflow containers while I am absent (walking away from it is fine as long as you can get back in time).
8. Smoking and vaping are permitted, but I should be mindful of my distance from others and discard cigarette butts appropriately.
9. Notify the Agriculture Department if, for any reason, I am no longer able to maintain my garden plot(s).
10. Settle any disputes through calm discussion and goodwill.
11. Follow the local rules developed by the Agriculture Department.
12. Dogs brought into the garden will be kept on a leash at all times and be cleaned up after.
13. Discard weeds and deteriorated vegetables into the designated area.

SAFETY GUIDELINES:

The Ville Community Garden Members are encouraged to work safely and take reasonable care to protect their own health and safety as well as that of fellow gardeners by working within the limits of their own capabilities.

- Only move what you can reasonably manage.
- Wear sun hats, gloves, sunscreen, and protective footwear as required.
- Ensure you bring an adequate amount of drinking water when working for extended times in the Garden.
- Ensure that your tetanus vaccinations are up to date.
- Ensure the safety of your guests.
- Supervise children at all times.

We are excited to have you on board!

If you have any concerns, questions, or suggestions, feel free to contact us by email or by phone.

Sincerely,
The Ville Cooperative Staff