

MY RESPONSIBILITIES:

Gardeners lose the privilege of membership for failure to comply with the Gardeners Agreement and Safety Guidelines and for failure to maintain a neat, tidy and productive organic garden. Gardeners will receive ample notification of any concerns and reasonable assistance, as deemed appropriate, to deal with any issues raised.

MY VOLUNTEER DECLARATION:

I understand that successful and vibrant community gardens rely on the dedication of each and every gardener to not only maintain his or her own plot & surrounding pathways but contribute to the upkeep and management of the entire garden. I agree to volunteer in the garden for a minimum of two hours per month between June 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 & maintenance of their plot.

Compost: help maintain garden waste/compost pile.

Plot maintenance: weeding, watering, crop monitoring.

Crafts (painting, creating signs, etc.)

Other duties that might come up throughout the growing season.

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

LIABILITY:

I understand that The Ville Cooperative and the owners of the land are not responsible for my actions. Thereby, I agree to hold harmless The Ville Cooperative and the owners of the land 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
- Planting
- Weed-free maintenance of my allotted plot(s)
- That I will keep my plot(s) in food production during the growing season
- Clearing my plot(s) in the fall once the season is complete

I understand that I may contact The Ville Gardening Committee 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 Garden Committee 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 twice by The Ville to be given a friendly reminder. If plot(s) are still unused the member in question will lose their plot(s) with no refund.

As a Ville gardener, I agree to:

1. Use my plot(s) intensively over the productive months. Use it or lose it.
2. Be respectful of other gardeners and their rights to garden communally.
3. Follow all safety guidelines and immediately report any issues to the Garden Committee.
4. Apply organic gardening practices, refrain from the use of chemicals and will not plant species that are invasive or prone to disease or pests (such as mint or potatoes). Tomatoes will be allowed, but ONLY in containers. If signs of blight appear we will ask that you remove them from the garden.
5. Keep garden areas tidy and pathways clear of obstacles.
6. Store tools safely in assigned spots in the shed.
7. Minimize water use and apply mulch.
8. Keep the community garden as a smoke free zone.
9. Take responsibility for the care, maintenance and development of the communal areas.
10. Notify the Garden Committee if, for any reason, I am no longer able to maintain my garden plot(s).
11. Settle any disputes through calm discussion and goodwill.

12. Follow the local rules developed by the Garden Committee.
13. Dogs brought into the garden will be kept on a leash at all times and be cleaned up after.
14. Discard weeds and deteriorated vegetables into the compost area.

SAFETY GUIDELINES:

The Ville 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 adequate amount of drinking water when working for extended times in the Garden.
- Follow guidelines when handling compost and potting mix, wear gloves and keep mixture moist. Wash hands immediately after use.
- 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