

WESTWOOD PLACE CO-OPERATIVE HOME INC.

GARDEN POLICY

There are 12 plots on the property for members to be able to garden in the community garden area, located at 6600 Kalar Road, Niagara Falls.

Plots will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis. A wait list will be maintained by the Board of Directors. Each year, the member that had the plot the previous year, will have the option to have it again.

If that member does not want their plot anymore, loses the plot, or moves away, the member at the top of the waiting list will be given the chance to take over that plot.

If there are no names on the waiting list, current gardeners may pick up a second plot. However, if there are members on the wait list, gardeners may only have one plot, regardless if they had an extra one the year before or not.

The gardens were put in to address food insecurity. Therefore the plots should be used to grow food. Flower plots will only be permitted if nobody, including current gardeners wanting a second plot, wants that plot to grow food.

Food grown is for personal use and can be shared with friends/neighbours but cannot be sold.

Accessible plots will only be assigned to gardeners requiring that accommodation.

Co-op members are responsible for their children's actions at the gardens, regardless if that member has a plot or not.

Members may use tools in the shed to garden and are responsible for the tools they use, making sure they get placed back in a secure place and are in clean, working order. You must get access to the shed from a key holder on the social committee or Board of Directors.

Members are encouraged to put their plots to bed by November 30th unless growing winter crops.

Members engaging in unlawful or harmful behavior or members that abandon their plots, or breaking any of the terms in this policy, may be asked to speak to a Board member to determine if they can keep their plot the following year or not.

Each gardener is responsible to purchase their own soil, seeds/plants etc.

The Board has purchased a seed bank. Members, if they wish, can purchase seeds, at a reasonable price, by making arrangements with a board member. Money generated will be put directly back into buying more seeds. No gardener is obligated to buy seeds from the bank.

If you would like to be put on the wait list for a plot, you must put it in writing, to the office drop box, addressed to the Board of Directors. Please include your name, unit number, phone number and whether you require a regular or accessible plot. It may take several seasons before a plot becomes open, and members will be put on the list in the order their requests are received.

PASSED by the Board of Directors on the 26th day of September, 2019.

CONFIRMED at a general meeting of the Members on the 5th day of December, 2019.

M. Appellone
President

c/s

Mary Telford
Secretary