



Georgian Bay Community Garden (GBCG) are operated by Georgian Bay Biosphere, Township of Georgian Bay. There will be a total of 8 plots located on the Township of Georgian Bay property in front of the Library and Development offices.

This property is accessible, and plots built with accessibility in mind. The introduction of the gardens is to promote a healthy lifestyle, provide support to our community food bank, and assist in the climate action plan by reducing our green house gas emissions.

### **Rules and Garden Etiquette**

**Please read all of the rules and sign below.**

- Prior to commencing any planting, gardeners must fill out contact the Garden Co-ordinator(s) to arrange a plot.
- I will act in a manner considerate of the rights, needs, and safety of other gardeners and the community at large.
- It is my responsibility to plant, weed, water, fertilize and clean-up my garden plot.
- I shall keep my plants within the boundaries of my plot provided to me.
- I will ensure the paths surrounding my plot will be free of debris.
- If an adjacent plot's gardener complains of excessive shading by anything on your plot, you must come to an agreement or remove it.
- I will have something planted in my plot by June 15 or forfeit my plot.
- I will remove everything from my garden by Oct 15 unless otherwise arranged with Garden Coordinator(s).
- I will never use pesticides or herbicides in the garden.
- I will not plant trees in my plot

- I will not use GMO (Genetically Modified Organisms) in the garden. Heirloom varieties are requested.
- I will ensure the Garden Coordinator(s) always have my current contact information.
- I will pick and remove my ripe produce promptly to avoid encouraging theft and waste.
- 20% of my produce will be donated to Harvest Share or another agency/program as noted.
- I will put compostable materials only in the compost area. Never dump debris or garden materials anywhere else on the property.
- I will respect the garden's property and assets, use equipment and tools owned in common and treat them with care. I will return them to the shed promptly and store them neatly and securely for the safety and convenience of fellow gardeners.
- Do not enter other's plots except with permission
- Only leashed pets allowed in the garden area and they must be cleaned up after.

### **Consequences of Rule Violations**

The cooperation of **all** gardeners is needed to ensure that Georgian Bay Community Garden runs smoothly and that we can maintain our obligations to our property and neighbours. If a gardener violates the agreed-upon rules, the Committee will address the violation as follows.

You will be notified that you have forfeited your plot if you:

- Abandon your plot
- Fail to remedy any violation of the rules by the deadline in a second notice

### **Violation procedures**

- If a violation is noted, the Committee sends the primary plot holder a **first notice** by mail, (or will contact to personally discuss the situation) indicating the problem and the deadline for correction. A reasonable amount of time will be given.

- If the problem is not corrected by the first-notice deadline, the Committee issues a **second and final notice** by mail or will contact via phone or email. It restates the problem and indicates both the deadline for correction and the consequences of failing to correct the problem: **immediate plot forfeiture**.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ understand that neither the garden group nor owners of the land are responsible for my actions. I THEREFORE AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS THE GARDEN GROUP AND OWNERS OF THE LAND FOR ANY LIABILITY, DAMAGE, LOSS OR CLAIM THAT OCCURS IN CONNECTION WITH USE OF THE GARDEN BY ME OR ANY OF MY GUESTS. I have read, understood and agree to comply with the PSCG rules.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_