

# BLUE QUILL COMMUNITY 2020 POP UP GARDENS

## Gardener's Rules & Guidelines

(May 27, 2020)

*The Blue Quill Community Pop Up Gardens provide a safe and healthy space to garden. The Garden Committee is responsible for overseeing and monitoring pop-up the gardening sites at the Blue Quill Community League (BQCL) and Skyrattler Park. The Committee can be reached by email at [garden@bqcl.org](mailto:garden@bqcl.org). All Pop Up Garden Users at the Blue Quill and Skyrattler sites are expected to comply with the following rules and guidelines.*

### 1. Plots and General Area

- a. You will supply your own plants and/or seeds to grow in your garden plot. You must bring your own garden tools to the garden when you visit, and bring them home when you leave.
- b. Begin planting or work in your garden by June 20, 2020. If your plot shows no signs of activity by then, you will be contacted by the Garden Committee and risk forfeiting your plot - your plot may be reassigned to another gardener.
- c. Only edible plants/food can be grown in the garden plot - no flowers. Only plant in your designated garden plot.
- d. Plots will be randomly assigned to garden users - the Committee cannot reserve specific containers for any gardeners. There are 15 raised garden plots at each Pop Up Garden site - including long or round containers constructed of fabric or plastic.
- e. The use of fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides within the gardens is strictly prohibited.
- f. Keep your plot, surrounding perimeter and pathways clean and weed-free. Gardeners may use the BQCL's waste disposal if available, otherwise you must remove your weeds and debris from the site.
- g. The City of Edmonton will water the garden twice per week. Days and times for watering will be determined by the City.
- h. If you are in financial need or are growing food to donate to those in need, please contact the Garden Committee at [garden@bqcl.org](mailto:garden@bqcl.org). There may be some seed packages available to you through donations.
- i. Gardeners are encouraged to support community caring and food security by considering to grow a row for the Edmonton Food Bank or other local charity.
- j. You must contact the Garden Committee if you are unable to maintain your plot. Abandonment or serious neglect of a plot will result in Committee intervention.
- k. Careful use of garden stakes/tomato cages are permitted provided they do not puncture or damage the plastic or fabric garden containers.
- l. All temporary garden beds will be removed by the City at the end of season (date will be determined, presumably near the end of September). Gardeners must harvest their garden site and clean up any plant debris/weeds before that time.

### 2. Public Health Safety Measures (Due to COVID-19)

- a. All garden users must comply with Alberta Health Services [public health orders](#) for isolation if you are symptomatic, travelled, or have tested positive for COVID-19. For more information please visit the Alberta government's COVID-19 [webpage](#).
- b. Follow AHS guidelines for physical distancing: Maximum **50 people** and a minimum **2 metre distance** between individuals at all times. If you find that the garden is at capacity, please do

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not enter the garden space until enough people leave to respect the limit. Time spent in the garden is for gardening only.

- c. Garden users are expected to comply with maximum occupancy limits of the garden. If this guideline is not respected, the Garden Committee will impose a sign up schedule for garden users - you will not be permitted to enter the garden site unless you have signed up in advance for a scheduled time allotment.
- d. Hands must be washed or sanitized before entering and after leaving the garden site. Common touch points, including waste disposal bins, must be sanitized by each gardener before and after touching.
- e. Members must bring their own tools/equipment, watering cans, gardening gloves, and disinfecting products and must take these items with them when they leave.
- f. No pets, other than service animals are permitted into the garden. Service animals must be leashed, wearing service vest/identification, and not in direct contact with plants. It is recommended to wash hands before and after interacting with pets.

### 3. Courtesy, Safety and Security

- a. You will respect your fellow gardeners and not take material or harvest from another plot, or interfere with another plot in any way.
- b. This garden is a public place and as such is vulnerable to vandalism. You will assist in promoting the security of the garden and its participants, and report any suspicious activity or incidents to the Committee.
- c. You will help to keep the garden site clean and free of litter and debris. This may mean picking up and disposing of litter you see while at the garden site.
- d. Garden users must be **18 years of age or older**. Anyone under the age of 18 who is assisting with a garden plot must have consent from their parent/guardian **AND** the plot user and be supervised by an adult at all times.
- e. Gardeners should feel free to communicate with the Garden Committee at any time, about any issues arising in the garden - they are here to represent community gardeners and ensure a pleasant gardening experience for all.

*For the latest updates and COVID-19 links, visit the Blue Quill Community League Website at [bqcl.org](http://bqcl.org).*

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GARDENER CONTRACT**

I have read and agree to comply with the above rules and accept the responsibilities of a Pop Up Garden User. I am aware that failure to comply may result in the termination of my access to the Blue Quill Community Pop Up Garden. I understand that participation in the garden is at my own risk. I also understand that neither the garden group, associated sponsors, nor the owners of the land are responsible for my actions, or those of my guests, while they are on the land. I therefore agree to hold harmless the Blue Quill Community Garden group, the Blue Quill Community League, associates or sponsors, and the City of Edmonton, its employees or agents, for any liability, expense, action, suit, damage, loss or claim that occurs in connection with the use of the garden by me or any of my family, friends, guests or pets, etc.

I understand that my name, phone number and e-mail address may be shared with members of the Blue Quill Community Garden Committee.

**Name (please print):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_