

Blow Me Down Community Garden Plot Lease 2017

Please read the following lease agreement carefully. It is the responsibility of each gardener to be familiar with and adhere to the guidelines stated within the lease agreement.

1. **I will pay a fee of \$20 plus \$10 annual WEC membership.** This will help cover the cost of the garden plot, shed, water, garden coordination and workshops. I understand that this fee is not refundable. I will submit my fee by cash or cheque and my signed lease agreement to the Western Environment Centre (WEC) by **March 31, 2017**.

2. I understand that leases are an annual agreement and are renewable in March/April each year.

3. I understand that returning plot owners will continue with the plot from the previous year. New plots will be given to new gardeners on a first come first served basis.

4. I understand that if I do not maintain my plot and the immediate area surrounding it, necessary action can be taken by WEC, and my plot may be reassigned to another applicant on the waiting list. I may also be declined a plot in subsequent years. Maintenance includes regular watering, weeding and general care.

5. **I understand that I must utilize my plot by June 20th, 2017.** If I do not, and I cannot be contacted by a WEC representative within 3 days of that date, that my plot may be reassigned to the next person on the waiting list.

6. I understand that **WEC will organize a number of garden work parties**, of which **I must attend at least one** in order to help out with communal garden tasks such as walkway maintenance, shed cleaning, brush cutting, litter clean up, tool cleaning, compost turning, etc.

7. **If I must be away from my plot for any reason and for more than 1 week at a time, it is my responsibility to make arrangements for care.** If arrangements cannot be made I will notify WEC. **WEC offers a 'baby-sitting' service for plots at a rate of \$10/week** if you cannot find someone to care for your plot while you are away. This service will include watering, weeding and general maintenance for the duration of your absence, up to a maximum of 4 consecutive weeks.

8. I understand that my plot is not transferable by myself to any other person, including friends or family members. If I wish to discontinue use of my plot, I must notify WEC so that the plot can be reassigned to the next person on the waiting list.

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9. I understand that all plants, fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides used in my plot must be organic. If I am unsure, I will refer to WEC or refrain from use of the plant or product. I also agree to use these products in a way as to not affect other plots.

10. I agree to plant tall crops (higher than 1 metre) only where they will not shade surrounding plots. I also agree to be careful with invasive species and vining crops such as cucumber and squash, to be sure that they are not a safety hazard in walkways and do not invade neighbouring plots.

11. I understand that all vegetables, grains, berries, fruits, beans and herbs are permitted; whereas trees and other woody plants are not permitted in my plot. Any flowers will not occupy more than 25% of my plot.

12. I will pick only my own crops unless given permission by another plot owner. I understand the requirement to harvest my own produce in a timely manner so that it will not fall to the ground and rot, attracting unwanted pests to the garden.

13. I agree to clean up waste of any kind from my plot, and to keep my plot, the adjacent walkways, and the garden as a whole, neat and tidy.

14. I will clean and put away communally shared tools and equipment in the locked shed after each use.

15. I understand that each person is using the tools at their own risk and that no tools are to be taken home.

16. I understand that giving the combination to the lock on the shed to a non member is not permitted.

17. I agree to water plants with watering cans and not by dragging the hose around, to prevent damage to other plots.

18. I understand that no one under the age of twelve years will participate in the garden without close adult supervision.

19. I understand that neither The Western Environment Centre, nor the owners of the land are responsible for my actions.

I therefore agree not to hold the “Western Environment Centre”, the “City of Corner Brook” nor the “Blow Me Down Ski Club” responsible for any liability, damage, loss or claim that occurs in connection with the use of the Blow Me Down Community Garden by myself or my guests.

Print Name

Sign

Date