



Town of Truro
King Street Community Garden

A 2015 CN EcoConnexions 'From the Ground Up' Municipal Greening Grant Funded Project

COMMUNITY GARDEN PLOT APPLICATION – 2021

Gardener: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Gardening Partner: _____

Garden Partner Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Did you have a garden plot last season? **Yes or No** If yes, plot number/s: _____

Are you an experienced gardener? **Yes or No**

If you are an experienced gardener are you willing to help new gardeners? **Yes or No**

Do you require a higher garden plot designed for mobility challenged gardeners? **Yes or No**

Are you interested in additional garden plots, if available? **Yes or No**

Garden Plot fees are **\$20** each for the season and must be paid for in advance. There are 50 *regular plots* = **12'L x 4'W x 16"D**, and 15 *accessible plots* = **12'L x 4'W x 24"D**.

PLEASE READ GARDEN RULES & GARDENER RESPONSIBILITIES ON REVERSE!

Applicant Signature

Date

Date Received: _____

Payment Received: \$ _____

Plot Number(s): _____

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Garden Rules & Gardener Responsibilities

1. Community Garden plots are issued annually through the Community Gardens Administrator. First priority will be given to Truro residents, after which any remaining plots will be made available to out of town gardeners. Returning gardeners will be given priority.
2. The King Street Community Garden site is a municipally owned public greenspace. All gardeners and visitors are to conduct themselves appropriately while on the site, including adherence to applicable municipal bylaws.
3. Gardeners are encouraged to practice organic gardening and plant health care best management practices to avoid a reliance on synthetic high nitrogen fertilizers and pesticide products. Healthy soil equals healthy plants!
4. Gardeners and visitors to the site do so at their own risk. The Town of Truro is not responsible for plot damage, theft, property damage or personal injury experienced while using the gardens.
5. As the garden site is situated in close proximity to residential dwellings, gardeners are asked to respect neighbours both within and bordering the community garden site. No loud music, profanity or excessive noise is permitted.
6. Gardeners are to be respectful of one another at all times, and recognize differing levels of experience and knowledge among individuals. Problem gardeners/individuals may be banned from the site at the discretion of the Community Garden Administrator.
7. Gardeners are asked to refrain from bringing pets to the garden, out of consideration for other gardeners. If pets are brought to the site, they **MUST** remain on leash at all times and under control of their owner. Pet waste must be cleaned up immediately by owners. Pet waste is **NOT** to be placed in onsite compost bins and must be removed by the pet owner from the site.
8. Gardeners are responsible to maintain their plots at *all times* during the gardening season. Untended or neglected plots may be cleaned out and reallocated to other gardeners. No refund will be issued for abandoned plots. Arrangements to tend your garden plot while away are the sole responsibility of the gardener.
9. Avoid planting tall growing crops where they will shade out neighbouring gardeners plants. Please use common courtesy and plan accordingly when planting your garden plot.
10. Avoid planting noxious, invasive, or illegal plants in your plot. If in doubt contact the Community Garden Administrator in advance.
11. A secure garden shed will be available for onsite tool and supply storage by gardeners. Tools and supplies are to be cleaned up and the shed locked after each use.
12. To avoid potential offensive odours affecting area residents **NO** on site composting will be permitted. Compost green bins will be provided for regular curbside collection and removal from the site.
13. No modifications or attachments are to be made to wooden planter boxes without express consent from the Community Garden Administrator.
14. Although the site does have a perimeter fence to discourage access by deer, gardeners are encouraged to consider the possibility of deer browsing and use appropriate deterrent practices.
15. A zero tolerance policy regarding vandalism or 'raiding' others garden plots will be in effect.
16. In addition to the individual garden plots the King Street Community Garden will include plantings whose produce will be available for use by all members, including: table grapes; arctic kiwi vine; highbush & half high blueberries; rhubarb bed and a small fruit tree orchard. Gardeners are encouraged to help maintain these communal plantings while on site if required (i.e. supplemental watering).
17. Garden members are encouraged to keep the overall site clean and well maintained at all times, and to respect the property as if it were their own.
18. **NO** vehicles are permitted on the garden site. Parking is available in the town owned gravel parking lot directly across the street (King St soccer field). Please use extreme caution when crossing the road to and from the gardens.
19. If you are fortunate enough to grow more produce than you, your family and friends can make use of, Gardeners are strongly encouraged to consider donating surplus food items to the Colchester Food Bank for the benefit of those less fortunate within our community.
20. **ALL** garden plots are to be cleaned out in preparation for the next gardening season by October 30th each year by the garden plot user.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the King Street Community Garden Administrator at 902-893-6071; via email at awilliams@truro.ca ; or stop into the office located at the Town of Truro Parks, Recreation & Culture Office in the Douglas St Recreation Centre, 40 Douglas St, Truro, NS, B2N 2E7.