

Community Garden Agreement



"U - Grow" is part of a "certified organic" farm, is inspected at least annually and must strictly adhere to what is allowed, regulated or prohibited in the growing of vegetables, flowers etc, as specified in the organic "guidebook" of Canadian Organic Standards.

The general guideposts for organic growing are found on the Canadian Organic Growers website: <http://www.cog.ca> under Organic Production Systems Permitted Substances Lists. The complete regulations can also be found in a current copy of Organic Production Systems Permitted Substances Lists, which is available for perusal in the washroom. Also in the washroom, is a copy of the latest O.M.R.I. List (organic materials review institute), which specifies allowable inputs by brand name etc. for organic growing.

Any question about the use of products or inputs not clarified by the above noted must be clarified with the manager, prior to use.

BASIC GENERAL GUIDEPOSTS FOR GROWING AT "U-GROW"

REQUIRED / ALLOWED

- Organically produced seeds and transplants and planting stock.
- Organically grown annual transplants (seedlings)e.g. tomatoes, peppers etc.
- Organically grown perennials e.g. raspberries, strawberries.
- Organic Compost/ composted manure/ some seed meals
- O.M.R.I. listed materials.

REGULATED

- Untreated conventionally grown seeds, potatoes, garlic, onion sets and other annuals or perennials are allowable only if you have kept documentation of having extensively searched and found organic sources unavailable . Contact us beforehand.

DOCUMENTATION

- U-Grow Gardeners are required to complete and submit a Community Gardens Inputs each year, documenting everything used in their garden during the growing season, including: sources and status of seeds, tubers, transplants, and all applications such as manure, soils amendments etc. Input Records must be submitted by returning gardeners by March 15th of the following year. Click on [>Community Gardens Inputs Record](#)

NOT PERMITTED

- Treated seeds
- Non-organically grown annual transplants (eff. Jan 2002)
- Synthetic or chemical fertilizer ,on any seeds, seedlings, planting stock or soil.
- Synthetic or chemically derived fungicide, herbicide or insecticide
- Genetically engineered organisms or inoculants
- Any growing practise prohibited by the Canadian Organic Standards "guidebook" (copy in washroom)

Any question about the use of products or inputs not clarified by the above noted must be clarified with the manager, Stuart Bucholtz or Barb Shelly @ 604. 888 1236 prior to use.

Thank you for respecting the requirements for growing on our Certified Organic Farm

REFUNDABLE CLEAN-UP DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT DUE DATES

- I will pay a refundable "clean-up" deposit of the greater of \$100.00 or ½ of my garden rate which will be returned to me by Oct.15th provided that:
- I have followed this agreement and have my garden forked or dug over and/or planted in a winter cover crop by Oct. 15st and have submitted my Garden Input Record.
- I understand that after Oct. 15th, my "clean-up" deposit will reserve my same garden location until March 15th of the following year at which time full payment is due.

For farm management purposes, we need to determine garden plot availability for the season by March 15th each year. If we have not heard from you and received payment by this date, your garden plot may be reassigned to another gardener and your clean-up deposit may be forfeited.

ORGANIC SEED IS AVAILABLE FROM:

www.westcoastseeds.com ; www.saltspringseeds.com; www.stellarseeds.com; www.johnnyseeds.com

CERTIFIED ORGANIC TRANSPLANTS AVAILABLE FROM:

Vista D'Oro Farm, and various community garden affiliates who hold sales in spring (we will do our best to post updates).

CERTIFIED ORGANIC TUBERS (POTATOES) FROM:

West Coast Seeds, Saltspring Seeds

OTHER

We have a limited supply of farm grown seeds, transplants, and garlic. Contact us for availability.

COMPOSTED MANURE:

- available at U-Grow for \$2.00 per 20 liters pail -self serve honour system

WILLS AND WONT'S -DO'S AND DON'T'S

- I will Have Fun, and:
- follow the "Guideposts for Growing" as set out above. Any breach of this will result in immediate termination of garden plot use, without refund
- keep my garden maintained and tidy throughout the growing season, without allowing weeds or grass to set seeds. If for any reason I must abandon my plot, I will notify the Manager. If my plot becomes unkempt, I understand that the plot will be tilled under and forfeited with no refund to me
- keep my garden, compost pile/bin, and hoses within my garden area, without encroaching on shared pathways or other gardens
- keep irrigation water from landing on neighbouring gardens and harvest my own crops only; No sampling of other's produce without permission.
- not bring pets into the gardens,
- keep the bathroom clean, and close all doors and gates before leaving the farm
- not sell any produce grown at U-grow
- be responsible for my family and guests respecting this agreement while at U-Grow
- I will compost my garden weeds and plant material on my garden or put them on the compost pile beside the manure pile.
- I will not put infected or diseased plants (e.g. blighted), wood, sticks, or densely fibrous plant material onto compost pile
- I am free to take drinking water home for my personal/family use
- I will be responsible for my own tools and may leave them in my Garden or the storage shed. I understand that the owner/ manager is not responsible for loss or theft of personal belongings brought onto or left on the farm
- I understand that neither U - GROW organic community gardens nor Stuart Bucholtz are in any way responsible for my actions and I therefore agree to hold harmless U - GROW organic community gardens, and Stuart Bucholtz, for any liability, damage or claim that occurs in connection with the use of the garden by me or any of my guests.

Signature

Date

Name

Phone

Address

Email Address