

Vanderhoof Community Garden (VCG)

Guidelines for an Enjoyable and Prosperous Gardening Season

Ensuring enjoyable gardening experience for all of the garden community is the primary goal of these Guidelines. For this reason, please observe the rules of the garden, and be a good neighbour.

- Plots may be planted when assigned, and will be maintained all summer long.
- Some volunteer time is expected from each gardener (excepting Seniors) to maintain the common areas of the Community Garden (washroom, tool shed, etc.).
- Invasive plants such as mint, catnip, Jerusalem artichokes, comfrey, raspberries, horseradish, etc. will not be planted in the garden, in order to prevent intrusion into other garden plots.
- Plots will be pesticide and herbicide free, and fertilizers will have organic certification.
- Weeds taken from the plots will be disposed of only in the designated area.
- Tools belonging to the Community Garden are only to be used in the Garden site.
- Tools borrowed from the Garden will be cleaned and returned to the storage area after use.
- Each gardener will work in a safe manner, and will not leave tools, hoses or any other objects where they could be a hazard to other gardeners.
- Each gardener (and their children) will respect the plots and produce of the other gardeners. We will not pick from our neighbour's garden even if they appear to have neglected their plot.
- If you are unable to care for your plot for a time because of illness or vacation, ask a fellow gardener or the coordinator for help with weeding and harvesting.
- Plots are for growing fresh healthy produce for you and your family or friends, and may NOT be sold. Extra produce may be donated to the food bank or a charity.
- ***Pets will stay outside the garden fence.***
- If vandalism or theft occurs, notify the NVFN immediately. Help us discourage losses by questioning unfamiliar faces.
- At the end of the season, all markers, trellises, string etc. will be removed from your plot, leaving only the soil for next season! Plot-numbering stakes will be left in place.
- Each gardener must apply each year for a plot, but returning gardeners will be given preference.

Failure to meet these guidelines may mean that you will not be permitted to renew your plot next season. It takes a cooperative effort to enjoy a successful and profitable Community Garden.

Any suggestions or concerns can be addressed to the Nechako Valley Food Network by Email: bytes@nvfoonetwork.ca or contact Maya Sullivan at 250-570-2194. Seniors may also contact Seniors Connected at 250-567-0623. Email: vanderhoofseniors@hotmail.com

Gardener's Name

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Phone number(s)

Garden Plots: Greenhouse Outdoor area