



North Dumfries Community Garden Rental Agreement

The North Dumfries Garden Club and the Township of North Dumfries will be working together to support the Community Gardens.

The purpose of the North Dumfries Community Garden is to help neighbours in the community of Ayr and surrounding area create sustainable green spaces for economical gardening, food production, gathering, and education. Together we will **“Grow A Healthy Community”**.

Administration:

- Garden plots will be available to gardeners from North Dumfries Township until March 31. If plots are still available on April 1, the plot rental will be open to those gardeners outside of the Township on a first come basis.
- The season begins as soon as the plots have been rototilled by the township but no later than Victoria Day weekend. The season ends October 31.
- All requests for plot rentals should be directed to northdumfriesgardenclub@gmail.com ;
- The Township will take payment for the plots and fees can be paid by in the following manner:
 - i. Cash, Cheque or Debit payment in person at the Leisure and Community Services office, at the North Dumfries Community Complex at 2958 Greenfield Road, Ayr, Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. or at the Township office – 106 Earl Thompson Road, Ayr, Monday – Friday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm;
 - ii. Cheque (not cash) in the after-hours drop box at 2958 Greenfield Road;
 - iii. Mail to 2958 Greenfield Road., P.O. Box 1060, Ayr, ON N0B 1E0.];
 - iv. Electronic payment via your bank. Please allow three business days for processing;
 - v. E-Transfer to payments@northdumfries.ca (not available for tax payments). After payment is sent, please email the following information to payments@northdumfries.ca:
 - Your Name (Payee)
 - Your Address
 - Invoice Number
 - Phone Number to reach Payee
 - Payment Amount
 - Reason for Payment
- The North Dumfries Garden Club will monitor maintenance of the plots and will ensure the terms of the contract are observed.

Plot Maintenance and Tools Provided:

The Township will:

- rototill the garden plots spring and fall; (no later than May 13 and no earlier than November 1);
- fill water reservoirs as required;
- provide mulch for the gardeners to put around their plots control the weeds in the paths around their plot;
- once annually, purchase soil for gardeners to add to their gardens;
- maintain a set of required tools for gardeners in the tool shed;
- ensure the water system is in good working order.

Community Garden Plot Rental Guidelines and Agreement with the Township of North Dumfries

- Garden season begins on Victoria Day weekend and ends on the last Saturday in October.
- An annual, non-refundable fee to help cover garden expenses in the amount of \$15.00 for a 10' x 10' plot, and \$25.00 for a 10' x 20' plot, is due at the time of application. Payments will be made to the Township of North Dumfries.
- Plots are NON-TRANSFERABLE. . If for any reason the garden plot must be abandoned, please notify the garden co-ordinator at northdumfriesgardenclub@gmail.com . The next person on the waiting list will be given the plot.
- Any suggestions or concerns should be sent to the northdumfriesgardenclub@gmail.com .

Failure to comply with the following rules will result in forfeiture of the rented plot and any produce growing in the plot will be donated to the Food Bank.

I agree to:

- pay a yearly non-refundable fee to help cover garden expenses -\$15 for 10 x 10 plots or \$25 for 10x20 plots.
- begin planting by Victoria Day weekend, and clear the plot of all vegetation by October 31.
- plant only vegetables and/or flowers. No invasive or illegal plants are permitted in the gardens. Marijuana cannot be grown in the gardens.
- perform general maintenance and upkeep of the common areas of the garden (e.g., pulling weeds from pathways, etc.,)
- respect the gardens of other gardeners and plant and harvest only in the plot assigned to me.
- regularly maintain my garden plot throughout the rental period, ideally on a weekly basis. (If weeds overtake the garden, two warnings over a two week period will be issued before rental of the plot is forfeited.)
- deal with pests, using organic growing principles.
- use only watering cans when watering my garden and will not connect a hose directly to the totes. I will be respectful of my water usage to ensure there is enough for everyone to use. If there is a shortage of rain, I acknowledge that I may have to bring water from home.
- not bring pets or smoke within the perimeter of the garden.
- not bury any wood, plastic or otherwise underground or build-structures that shade other plots.
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- Use the compost bin when discarding garden waste. Please do not include plastics, weeds that have seeds or food waste other than fruits, vegetables, egg shells, tea bags and coffee grounds.
- Discard all weeds in the garbage dumpster beside the arena and ensure tools and watering cans borrowed from the shed are returned.
- I understand that neither the North Dumfries Garden Club nor the Township of North Dumfries is responsible for my actions. I therefore agree to hold harmless the North Dumfries Garden Club nor the Township of North Dumfries for any liability, damage, loss or claim that occurs in connection with the issue of the garden by my guests or myself.

Signature: _____

Date: _____



2024 Gardening Application

Name of Gardener(s): _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

I prefer to be contacted by **PHONE** _____ **EMAIL** _____ **TEXT** _____

I wish to rent a: **10x10 plot** _____ **OR** **10x20 plot** **SOLD OUT** for 2024

For Garden Co-ordinator's Use Only:

Plot Assignment Number: _____

Paid \$ _____

Cash: _____ Cheque: _____ EFT: _____

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