



Emmanuel Village Community Garden Gardener's Agreement 2025

Welcome to the Emmanuel Village Community Garden! The garden is located near the corner of Circle Drive and Taylor Street with access from 1622 Acadia Drive. This community includes 74 garden plots, on-site composting and a fruit orchard.

This community garden sits on City of Saskatoon land and its operations and insurance is based on an agreement among the City of Saskatoon, gardeners, and CHEP. It is important that our garden be a well-maintained organic, vegetable site that enhances our neighbourhood and fosters good relations with neighbours. The garden is subject to regular inspections by the City. Under the agreement with the City, the City has the right to terminate our agreement with them if the collective receives two or more "noxious weed" letters in one growing season.

Members of this garden community agree to the following:

- Provide a valid phone number and email; check email regularly for communication from the garden.
- Contribute volunteer time to community garden tasks and provide details to the Record Keeper.
- Maintain an organic garden. Non-organic chemicals, synthetic pesticides and fertilizers are not allowed.
- Avoid adding rocks or sand to plots.
- Plant within your own plot at least 6 inches away from the string, to allow for growth to stay within your own plot and so that you do not infringe on your neighbours to tend/water your plot.
- Plant tall plants such that the shade falls within your own plot.
- Refrain from planting perennials or invasive plants (ie. Portulaca).
- Refrain from growing cannabis. Fines that result from violations are the gardener's responsibility.
- Refrain from growing plants of the genus brassica (cabbage, Brussels sprouts, cauliflower, kohlrabi, and turnips). Kale, arugula, radish and broccoli are allowed.
- Limit potato plants to a maximum of 25% of your plot.
- Planting must be started by June 15, or fees will be forfeited and plot will be reassigned.
- Refrain from watering, harvesting or in any way modifying plots that are not your own.
- Keep plot and pathways weeded and edged. Remove weeds before they go to seed.
- Deal immediately with insect infestations using manual and organic removal to prevent spreading.
- Ensure the water is shut off at the taps when you are finished.
- Supervise children and guests. Pets must be on a leash.
- Contribute to general cleanliness by picking up litter, rocks, etc. in communal areas.
- Address personal gardening conflicts directly with your fellow gardener first. If a satisfactory result is not obtained, then submit your concerns to emmanuelvillagecg@gmail.com.
- Dispose of weeds, sunflower, corn, tomato, squash, dill and asparagus in black bins by the parking lot.
- Dispose of all other vegetable, flower and plant material in the on-site wood-framed compost bins.
- Do not share the combination lock on the shed with others that are not part of the garden.
- Remove non-plant trash from the site when you leave or in the small garbage can on-site.
- Prepare plot for winter by clearing all plant and non-plant material before the designated garden cleanup day. No items of a permanent nature (perennials or non-plant items) may remain on plots.

**FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH RULES AND CONDITIONS MAY RESULT IN IMMEDIATE
DISMISSAL OR NON-RENEWAL OF GARDEN MEMBERSHIP**

Annual Cost

Number of volunteer hours in 2024	Full Plot	½ Plot
0 - 2	\$60	\$30
2 up to 8	\$40	\$20
8 up to 32	\$20	\$10
32 and over	\$0	\$0

The cost for those participating in the garlic patch is \$5 per row.

Volunteer Time in 2025 toward 2026 Garden Fees

Volunteer time worked in 2025 will determine a gardener's fees for 2026. Gardeners who work a minimum of two volunteer hours will get a reduced rate; gardeners working a minimum of eight hours will get a further reduction; gardeners working a minimum of 32 hours will not have to pay any fee.

Absences/Inability to Garden

Plot owners absent from the garden for an extended period during the gardening season must arrange for a friend or fellow gardener to care for their plot by managing weeds and garden pests.

If no longer able to maintain your plot, advise emmanuelvillagecg@gmail.com so the plot can be reassigned.

Parking

The paved parking lot is the property of Revera and its use is restricted to residents of the condominium. Garden members are to access the garden using the gravel entrance and park only on the gravel lot. The City requests our vehicles stay off the grass area.

Supplies

Water, hoses, hand sprinklers, and miscellaneous tools are provided. Soil amendments and ploughing are provided within annual budgetary constraints. Every attempt will be made to have the garden ready for planting by the May long weekend.

Plot Renewal

Plots must be appropriately maintained the entire season. This includes planting, weeding, watering, harvesting and clearing out. Members in good standing (meaning they have abided by the rules and policies) will have first option of renewing their membership for the same plot next season. Plots will be considered relinquished if renewal fees are not received by **January 15th** and they will be offered to people on the wait list.

Members of this garden share a gardening space and a commitment to fostering a sense of community and development of the garden and orchard areas. The well-being of this garden is the shared responsibility of all members. If you notice something that is not as it should be, please correct the problem (minor issues such as litter or general cleanup of communal areas) or send a message to the garden email. We will respect our environment and each other in an atmosphere of friendship, inclusion, cooperation and enjoyment.

2025 Emmanuel Village Community Gardener's Agreement

- I have read, understood, and agree to abide by the 2025 Emmanuel Village Community Gardener's Agreement. This agreement may be amended as required.
- I understand that the Steering Committee is not responsible for my actions.
- Decisions and judgements by the Steering Committee are considered final.
- I agree to hold harmless the City of Saskatoon, CHEP Good Foods and the Executive Committee for any liability, damage, loss or claim that occurs in connection with the use of the garden by me or any of my guests/pets.
- I agree that my contact information be shared with all community garden members solely for the purpose of communication between garden members regarding garden operations unless otherwise specified.
- I will not share the combination of the lock with others who are not part of the Community Garden.

Return signed agreement:

- o scan and email to emmanuelvillagecg@gmail.com
- o OR mail to #207-355 Olson Lane E, Saskatoon, SK, S7V 1N4.

Make payment: \$

- o e-transfer to: evcgsaskatoon19@gmail.com. Enter the **gardener's** first and last name in the comments
- o OR cheque made payable to Emmanuel Village Community Garden.

DUE DATE: January 15, 2025

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Enter 1,2,3 beside the Committee(s) of your choice. Volunteers will be placed in one committee.

☐ Executive Coordinator	☐ Treasurer	☐ Registration
☐ Record Keeper	☐ Garden Open	☐ Garden Close
☐ Compost	☐ New Gardener Welcome	☐ Social Events
☐ Orchard	☐ Soil Amendment/Ploughing/Blue Bin	☐ Repairs
☐ Name Stakes	☐ Weed/Pest Patrol/Plot Cleanup	☐ Mowing
☐ Communication	☐ Volunteer Coordinator	☐ Flower Plot
☐ Charity Plot	☐ Special Project (Hose Reels)	
☐ I am willing to be a leader of a committee		

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Gardener's Signature

Date

Garden Committee Use Only

Fee Collected \$ _____ (Chq _____ Chq # _____ etransfer _____ Cash _____)

Date Collected _____ Plot # Assigned _____