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## **THORNBURY COMMUNITY GARDENS RENTAL APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT**

**RETURNING GARDENERS:** If you are securing your plot for the 2022 season, please submit payment of \$60 and page 2 & 5 by November 1, 2021. If we do not hear from you by November 1, we reserve the right to reassign your plot to a new applicant.

**NEW GARDENERS:** Plots will be assigned on a first come, first served basis. Once you have paid for your plot and submitted page 2 & 5, you are responsible for keeping it tidy as per #9 in the agreement.

### **PAYMENT OF \$60**

**CAN BE BROUGHT TO BEAVER VALLEY OUTREACH - 54 King Street East, Thornbury, during business hours except for Friday and can be:**

- 1) Cash
- 2) Cheque (made payable to Beaver Valley Outreach)
- 3) E-transfer to finance@bvo.ca. E-transfer security question: "What town are the gardens in" answer: "thornbury"
- 4) **ACCOMODATION:** We are committed to being an accessible community program so please pay what you can if \$60 is unaffordable. Your payment is completely confidential.

Please drop off your signed page 2 and 5 of this document into the box in the garden shed or to Kim's back porch - 208 Bruce Street, Thornbury or scan and email to [thornburycommunitygardens@gmail.com](mailto:thornburycommunitygardens@gmail.com)

***New AND returning*** gardeners should read the entire agreement and complete both page 2 and page 5 of this document.

**COMMUNICATION:** Please be sure you have logged into the cluster chat forum where regular communication amongst gardeners takes place. Here is the link

to join: <https://cluster.co/i/XF6GJAAK> . As long as you provide your email address, you should receive email alerts when there is activity on the forum and you can pop in and see what everyone's talking about.

Gardeners can access their plots year round. Thank you for your participation!

**Kimberly Edwards**

**Coordinator**

**519-379-3634**

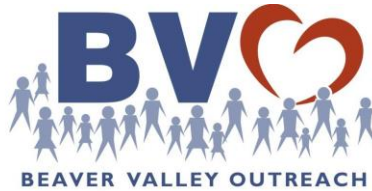
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<b>Name (First and last)</b>	
<b>Email</b>	
<b>Phone</b>	
<b>Address</b>	
<b>Date</b>	
<b>Signature</b>	
<b>Plot #</b>	

Please indicate here if you are requesting the rental of a raised bed or in ground bed



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## **2022 Thornbury Community Gardens Agreement**

- 1. Gardeners will pay an annual plot rental fee to rent a garden plot within the designated Community Garden Area.**
- 2. The period of the plot rental shall be ongoing year-round. Plots are “no-Till” meaning they will not be machine tilled and must be maintained year-round by hand. This includes frequent weeding, soil amendments, mulching etc. This is an opportunity to plant perennials, garlic, spring bulbs, etc. and to practice an even more “eco-friendly” way of gardening.**
- 3. Plots will be assigned on a first-come/first-serve basis. Gardeners wishing to reserve their same plot for the next year shall register and pay for that plot by October 31st of the current year.**
- 4. Raised Garden Beds - Gardeners who would benefit from a raised bed due to mobility limitations or any other circumstance are encouraged to note this on their application. The committee will take these notes into consideration when assigning plots.**
- 5. Gardeners may access plots first thing in spring as long as they know which one is theirs.**
- 6. If a gardener is unable to continue gardening, he/she shall notify The Gardens Committee. If there is no garden activity by July 1 the plot will be reassigned at the discretion of the committee. There will be no fee reimbursement.**
- 7. Pesticide/herbicide use is not permitted and only organic fertilizers and pest prevention are to be used.**
- 8. Gardeners shall keep their plots weeded and tidy, and maintain tidy pathways of one long edge and one short edge surrounding their plot.**

9. If a gardener's garden bed is unkempt, they will be given two (2) weeks notice to clean it up. If they do not comply in two weeks, their bed may be reassigned and their annual fee forfeited at the discretion of the committee.
10. Gardeners must not plant corn and any tall crops where they will shade other people's plots unless the gardener can demonstrate that there will not be a negative effect.
11. **Illegal, invasive, and/or aggressive plants (ex. Mint) are strictly prohibited.**
12. All plant material and compost must be placed in the pile or container provided. We will not be actively composting on site – it will be hauled with the town's organics program. Do not leave garbage or recycling at the site or in the container.
13. Smoking on the garden property is prohibited.
14. All pets must be on a leash and are not permitted to roam freely in the gardens. Owners must pick up after their pets and bring the waste away with them.
15. All tools must be returned to the tool shed when you are done and the shed is to be locked. The tool shed key location is to be kept confidential amongst gardeners.
16. Installation of any fencing, boards or any other materials to enclose the individual garden plots requires consent from the committee.
17. Please report any vandalism to The Gardens Committee
18. Each gardener's contact information will be provided to The Gardens Committee. Contact information will not be shared and will be used solely for communication from The Gardens Committee.
19. **WATERING:** Please notify The Gardens Committee if the water barrels are empty.
20. **Gardening hoses and sprinklers are not permitted in the gardens** unless permission has been granted from The Gardens Committee.
21. A Winter mulch or cover crop is strongly recommended to keep the weeds down in your garden in early spring. Fall leaves are a great resource for this.
22. Gardeners are responsible for supervising those individuals they bring to the garden including other adults, youths and children.
23. Work to keep the garden a happy, secure, and enjoyable place where all participants can garden peacefully in a neighbourly manner.



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## **Thornbury Community Gardens**

### **Release of All Claims**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am a participant in the Thornbury Community Gardens. As a condition of my involvement in the Community Garden, I agree to the following:

1. I am duly aware of the risks and hazards that may arise through participation in the Community Garden, and assume any expenses and liabilities I incur in the event of an accident, illness or other incapacity. If I have had any questions about the Community Garden, its nature, risks or hazards, I have contacted The Gardens Committee and discussed those questions with him or her to my satisfaction.

2. In consideration of being granted the opportunity to participate in the Community Garden, I, for myself, my executors, administrators, agents and assigns do hereby release and forever discharge The Gardens Committee, volunteers, other gardeners, and the cooperating landowner – The Town of the Blue Mountains, from all claims of damages, demands, and any actions whatsoever, including those based on negligence, in any manner arising out of my participation in this activity. I understand that this Release means that, among other things, I am giving up my right to sue for any such losses, damages, injury or costs that I may incur.

I represent and certify that my true age is either 18 years old or, if I am under 18 years old on this date, my parent or legal guardian has read and signed this form. I have read this entire Release, fully understand it, and I agree to be legally bound by it.

Participant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_