



THORNBURY COMMUNITY GARDENS RENTAL APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT

RETURNING GARDENERS: To secure your plot for the 2026 season, please submit payment of \$70 and page 4 & 5 by November 1, 2025. If we do not hear from you by November 1, we reserve the right to reassign your plot to a new applicant.

NEW GARDENERS: Once you have paid for your plot and submitted page 4 & 5, you are responsible for keeping it tidy as per #9 in the agreement.

PAYMENT OF \$70

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

- 1) Cash (in envelope with plot#, name and address)
- 2) Cheque (made payable to Beaver Valley Outreach – noting Community Garden)
- 3) E-transfer to payment@bvo.ca. E-transfer security question: “What town are the gardens in” answer: “thornbury” Please add a note about your plot number or letter.
- 4) **ACCOMODATION:** We are committed to being an accessible community program so please pay what you can if \$70 is unaffordable. Your payment is completely confidential.

****New AND returning gardeners are to read the entire agreement before submitting.***

Please drop off your signed agreement, page 4 and 5 of this document, to BVO with your payment. You may also download/scan page 4 and 5 and email to admin@bvo.ca

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

Lalita Devi

Community Garden Coordinator

415-847-4002 (text only) or email: thornburycommunitygardens@gmail.com



2025 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, which will be taken 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 Community Gardens Coordinator. **If there is no garden activity by July 1 the plot will be reassigned at the discretion of the Coordinator. There will be no fee reimbursement.**
7. Pesticide/herbicide use is not permitted and only organic fertilizer is to be used.
8. **Gardeners shall keep their plots and the pathways around the entire plot weeded and tidy. If you would like help with upkeep, watering or harvesting, please ask the coordinator or a fellow gardener to help.**
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.**
10. No planting any tall crops (corn, trees, scrubs) that might shade other plots or borders.
11. **Illegal, invasive, and/or aggressive plants (mints) are strictly prohibited.** Please do not plant anything outside your plot or in the borders without consulting with the Volunteer

Coordinator. Sorry, no cannabis.

12. All plant material and compost must be placed in the bins provided. We will not be actively composting on site – it will be hauled with the town’s organics program. **Do not leave garbage (empty pots, etc.) or recycling at the site, in the shed, or in the organic bins.**
13. Smoking on the garden property is prohibited.
14. * **Pets** are not permitted in the fenced area of the gardens at any time.
15. All tools must be returned to the tool shed when you are done and the shed is to be locked. The tool shed and gate lock key code is to be kept confidential amongst gardeners.
16. Installation of any fencing, boards or any other materials to enclose the individual garden plots requires a conversation with the Coordinator.
17. Please report any vandalism to the Coordinator. There is a security camera on the side of the arena just under the roof.
18. Each gardener’s contact information will be provided to BVO. Contact information will not be shared and will be used solely for communication from the Coordinator.
19. **WATERING:** Please notify the Coordinator if the water barrels are nearing empty.
20. **Gardening hoses and sprinklers are not permitted in the gardens.**
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, youth and children.
23. Work to keep the garden a happy, secure, and enjoyable place where all participants can garden peacefully in a neighbourly manner.
24. Being “Community” gardens, we hope that all gardeners will participate in the community building potential of the gardens. Get to know your garden neighbours; water their plot when they are ill or away. Help with the communal spaces or see something that needs to be done? Feel free to take the initiative and get it done! If any supplies are needed just check with the Coordinator.



Name (First and last)	
Email	
Phone	
Address	
Date	
Signature	
Plot #	



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 with 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 Coordinator 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 Garden Coordinator, 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, damage, 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(s) 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 _____