



## LBCA Field Garden: Garden Plot Rental Agreement and Guidelines

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### **Welcome to the LBCA Field Garden!!**

**Please be advised, if you have signed up for gardening and are registered-assigned a bed and paid your fees, you agree to meet and follow all of the garden agreement and guidelines requirements contained herein.**

Please be advised, by joining the garden you consent to phone and email communications with the LBCA Office, and among group members which is necessary to operate and maintain a successful working community garden.

### **Garden Participant Volunteering:**

Our community garden requires volunteer effort during the season in order for it to function and meet public standards. All renters are expected to participate in some volunteer projects/tasks during the season. We operate on the honour system and if you are unable to do some of the more physical activities, please choose tasks to participate in that are aligned with your personal limitations to ensure good health and wellness.

- Your bed and surrounding local grounds weeding (within 2 feet around your bed)
- General grounds weeding / upkeep
- Compost Team
- Irrigation Maintenance and replacements
- Tools/furniture maintenance
- Fence Berry Gardening [future]
- Common Bed (herb/strawberry gardening) [as applicable or future]

### **Bed/Plot Rental Fees Information:**

***Fees are assessed and updated annually.***

LBCA Member Full Plot Rental Fee \$30.00/Plot

LBCA Member Half Plot Rental Fee \$15.00/plot

Non-Member Full Plot Rental Fee \$55.00/plot

Non-Member Half Plot Rental Fee \$40.00/plot

### **All fees due March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026**

Please contact the LBCA Office Garden Manager for payment:

Cara Madan [cara.madan@thelbca.ca](mailto:cara.madan@thelbca.ca)

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### LBCA Community Gardening: Gardener Participation Requirements

1. As a registered gardener (or gardening group), I understand that neither the garden members nor owners (and/or Lease Holders) of the land are responsible for my actions. I therefore agree to hold them harmless for any liability, damage, loss or claim that occurs in connection with my use of the garden and by my guests. I will respect other gardeners' rights and not cause actions detrimental to other renters.
2. I will take responsibility for any non-gardeners accompanying me to the site and ensure that children are supervised. I will not bring my dog, cat, pet snake or any other animal to the garden unless arranged prior with the Garden Organizer in advance (e.g. for pest control).
3. I will deal with insect and weed infestations in or around the plot quickly and organically to prevent the spread to other plots and the general garden grounds. I will strictly adhere to organic gardening principles and not use insecticides, pesticides or herbicides on the site. I will refrain from adding organic or inorganic fertilizers that produce salts and do not decompose. I will not put any weeds, meat or dairy products into the compost. The compost pile is for on-site garden organic plant waste repurposing only, no offsite additives are permitted unless authorized by the Garden Organizer.
4. I (or designated alternate gardener) will visit and care for my garden at least once a week during the gardening season.
5. I will properly maintain the plot and common areas assigned to me and restrict crops which grow over 6 ft in height. I will keep all pathways and areas surrounding my plot clear of ground weeds and obstructions. I may build my own vine supports (internal to the permanent wood raised plot assigned to me) to keep peas, beans and any other vines from growing over the edges of my bed.
6. My plot will be considered abandoned if it is not planted by June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026. A bed will also be considered abandoned if it is growing weeds, has not been watered, or contains plants that are significantly spreading over the edge of the beds. The rental fee will not be returned to me. Abandoned plots will be immediately reassigned or used to produce common crops for distribution to gardeners, charities, or if early in season, re-rented out to other gardeners from a wait list if applicable.
7. I am aware that this tenancy agreement covers a maximum time period of April 16<sup>th</sup> - October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026.
8. I agree to keep the tools from the garden clean and return them to their assigned spot in the garden storage bin or designated shelves, with the exception of watering cans which may remain near taps.
9. I will tidy up my plot no later than October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026, which includes removal of all my plants, roots, plant markers, plant supports/stakes, and any/all plant wastes or garbage in the area and on the grounds surrounding my plot. Gardeners who do not tidy up their plots for garden closure will be notified and will forfeit bed for next season. Known garlic planters exempt from October deadline.
10. I will not leave any garbage, weeds, or refuse of any kind in the garden area. I will dispose of all organic material into the composter provided as per rules including any instructions posted.
11. Our community garden requires volunteer efforts during the season. I understand and will participate during the gardening season. Failure to volunteer will result in forfeited bed for next season.



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12. I understand that garden guidelines require that I participate to accommodate the garden, nearby Field House tenant(s), nearby resident requirements, and the general public who may be visiting the garden. I will act responsibly and respectfully when on the garden grounds and promptly report any concerns to the LBCA Office and to the Garden Organizer, who may assist in any community or public affairs concerns.

13. Failure to comply with the garden agreement and related references may be grounds for loss of gardening plot privilege for the current and future years.

14. The following LBCA Field Garden guideline and document requirements shall form part of this agreement and be followed by each gardener participant:

LBCA FG Guideline\_Orientation Rules 2026

LBCA FG Guideline\_Bed Rental Allocation Procedure 2026 (Reference Only, for LBCA Office internal use)