



Dear Grower,

Welcome to Emmaus Community Garden!

Enclosed you will find information pertinent to our community garden, including the following:

Rules and Regulations | Success and Security at the Garden | Watering and Composting

Upon completing the Emmaus Community Garden Registration form, submitting your annual rental fee, and being assigned a garden bed, you will receive a key for the community garden shed, located at the south side of the garden. We look forward to a successful growing season together!

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact:

Kelly Burton, Garden Coordinator
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or Rev. Pam Rayment, Emmaus Anglican Church
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Garden Rules and Regulations

The garden area is land owned by Emmaus Anglican Church and has been allocated for the benefit of the Community Garden members. To ensure satisfactory use of the garden area, garden policies have been implemented.

PLOT REGISTRATION AND MAINTENANCE

- The garden plot measures 10' x 4' (40 square feet) and is available for a rental fee which will be determined each year by the Steering Committee. The current rental fee is \$20.00 per year. Access to water and the Community Tool Shed is provided. Each garden plot will be assigned a number to distinguish garden plots.
- There is a limit of **one plot per family or member** and the plots are assigned on a first come, first served basis.
- Payment of membership fee is necessary before you begin gardening and should be submitted with your completed registration form annually. Keys for the garden shed will be made available upon submission of registration form and payment of membership fee.
- Your Plot must **be fully planted by June 15th**. Any plots left unattended (overgrown weeds, unharvested produce, no contact with gardener, etc.) for more than two weeks will be reassigned and your plot fee will not be refunded. If you plan to be out of town and need help watering or harvesting, please make arrangements with a neighboring gardener or contact your garden coordinator.
- Emmaus Community Garden is committed to the use of **organic gardening practices**. This means that all chemical herbicides, insecticides and fertilizers are banned from use in the garden.
- You must contribute **to the overall community garden maintenance** over the growing season either by weeding, or filling water barrels. The service time is separate from the time you spend working in your own garden bed.
- You are expected to help with the preparation of the garden opening at the beginning of the season and at the end of the season with its closing, along with assisting at scheduled Work Bees throughout the growing season. Work Bees, Opening and Closing Work Days will be communicated to members as scheduled
- A **Membership Binder** will be maintained in the church office and with the garden coordinator.
- Any changes in your contact information should be given to the Garden Steering Committee or Co-ordinator.

- Those individuals who currently do not have a bed but have indicated that they are interested in renting one will be placed on a waiting list.

NOTE: No member can give a garden plot away. Any changes in rental of a plot must be registered with the Garden Coordinator or by contacting Emmaus Anglican Church at 705 759-2545. Plot registration for subsequent years begins October 31st, with preference given to gardeners who currently have plots, have met all of their membership requirements and have indicated that they wish to renew their plots.

NEIGHBOURLINESS

Please respect your fellow gardeners.

- Embrace the “community” aspect of community gardening and **get to know your fellow gardeners!**
- **Do not pick anything** from other members’ plots without permission.
- **Children are welcome.** We ask that guardians ensure that their curious young gardeners do not disturb plots.
- **NO PETS** are allowed in the community garden area with the exception of **Working Guide Dogs.**
- Emmaus Community Garden or Emmaus Anglican Church does not assume financial responsibilities for any damage or losses.
- **SMOKING IS PROHIBITED** within the garden area at all times.
- **ALCOHOL IS PROHIBITED** on the garden and church property at all times.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- **Pathways** are to be maintained at all times. Do not dig into main paths; keep paths level, rock free and free of personal items and garden debris. Avoid spilling soil onto the paths as it encourages weeds.
- **Waste and Debris:** Weeds and garden waste should be put into the composting bin as marked. Recyclables and all other debris are to be brought home by members for recycling or trash.
- **Water Service** is available between early May and October 1st. Unattended watering is not permitted (i.e. sprinklers.) Be sure not to water other gardener’s plots without their permission. Please make sure water taps are turned off and if there is a leak as a result of a mechanical defect, please notify the garden coordinator right away.
- While there is no fence around St. Matt’s Community Garden at this time, members are encouraged to adhere to ideal **gardening hours of 8:00 am to 8:00 pm**, seven days a week. In the fall, ideal hours are between 8:00 am and 6:00 PM. These hours are to ensure the safety of gardeners and to respect our community neighbours.
- Please ensure the Community Tool Shed is locked when you leave.
- Gardeners have the privilege of **borrowing** tools from the **Community Tool Shed**. They are to be cleaned before they are returned to the shed. Tools are not to be taken home overnight. Please report tools that need repair or replacement to the Garden Coordinator.
- No construction is permitted in the garden without prior approval from the Garden Steering Committee and if applicable Emmaus Anglican Church.

VANDALISM/THEFT

- Stealing of any kind (vegetables, tools, equipment, etc.) will result in the loss of your garden plot. If vandalism or theft occurs, please notify the Garden Coordinator and contact Emmaus Anglican Church at 705 759-2545.
- Help us to discourage losses by questioning unfamiliar faces and keeping the Community Tool Shed locked.

COMMUNICATION

- All members are encouraged to attend garden meetings and socials throughout the year. Meetings, socials and other events will be communicated by email, phone, or post.

You and your fellow gardeners are the caretakers of the whole garden site.
It is through your efforts that it will become a beautiful and productive place!