

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide London residents with guidelines and procedures for the development and operation of Community Gardens on municipally owned lands.

Scope

This policy applies to all Gardeners who have plots on municipally owned Community Gardens.

Overarching Policy Statement

The City of London and the Coordinating Agency strive to provide a welcoming and safe environment at all Community Gardens on municipally owned land for the use and enjoyment of all Londoners.

When at the Community Gardens, Gardeners and other parties are required to act with respect and consideration for others and for the Community Garden and surrounding properties.

City of London and Coordinating Agency staff is entrusted with the responsibility to ensure that policies for use of Community Gardens are followed and will apply these policies and procedures in an impartial and respectful way for the benefit of all.

In the event of non-compliance with the Community Garden policies and procedures, the Coordinating Agency will issue a verbal or written notice to the Gardener. If at the end of a two-week period, the problem has not been resolved, the plot may be reassigned and the Gardener's privileges cancelled.

Definitions

"Accessibility" is barrier free accommodations for persons with a diversity of abilities.

"City" is the Corporation of the City of London, or its representatives (i.e. city staff.)

"Clean Fill" is transported soil / black earth that is free of contaminants, refuse, and solid waste that includes organic materials.

"Community Garden Plot" is a plot in an existing Community Garden used for growing vegetables, fruits, herbs, native plants and/or ornamentals.

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“Community Garden” is a site where municipally owned lands are used for the growing of produce, flowers and native plants for non-profit use through individual or shared plots located on municipally owned lands.

“Coordinating Agency” is a representative of the City who acts as the coordinator of gardening activities and processes and is the primary point of contact for all community gardening inquiries.

“FADS” is the Facility Accessibility Design Standards (FADS) used by City of London staff to design and enhance accessibility beyond the minimal requirements of the Ontario Building Code.

“Garden Plot License (Rental) Agreement” is the standard form that all Community Gardeners must sign on an annual basis in order to rent a community garden plot on municipally owned land.

“Rain Barrel” is a barrel that collects and stores rainwater.

“Waste Reduction and Conservation Calendar” is a City of London calendar of garbage and yard materials collection dates.