

## Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide London residents with guidelines and procedures for how to conduct themselves when gardening in or visiting a City of London Community Garden.

## Scope

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

## Related Policy

City of London R Zone Policy

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Gardeners, members of the public and staff from the City of London and Coordinating Agency are required to act with respect and consideration for all people.

The following behaviours and activities are prohibited in London Community Gardens:

- Behaviour or language that is disorderly, intrusive, rude or threatening.
- Abusive or obscene language.
- Installing any type of fencing, boards or other materials in or around a Community Garden plot, unless agreed to in advance by the Coordinating Agency and City of London in special circumstances.
- The use of insecticides and herbicides.
- Harvesting illegal plants, trees, woody plants or perennials.
- Selling produce or flowers from the garden; however they may be traded or exchanged with other Gardeners.
- Loud use of cell phones.
- Loud playing of music.
- Damage, vandalism or theft of community garden harvests, equipment and property.
- Smoking on Community Garden property.
- Bringing pets onto the Community Garden, unless they are on a leash and supervised by the owner.

- The City of London has the right to prohibit pets from a specific Community Garden, at its sole discretion.

The following conditions of use must be adhered to:

- Each garden must be under cultivation during the entire open period from May 1st to November 30th of each calendar year, weather permitting.
- Vegetables, grains, berries, fruits, beans, herbs and flowers may be grown on community garden plots.
- Parents, guardians or caregivers must provide supervision and care of children while on Community Garden property.
- Gardeners must immediately report any vandalism or illicit behaviour that occurs at their Garden site to the Coordinating Agency or proper authorities, dependent on the situation.
- Pet owners must remove all pet droppings.
- Gardeners agree to indemnify and hold the City of London and the Coordinating Agency harmless from any liability, loss, damage or claim that arises or results from their use of their plot and garden area including their invitees.

## Consequences of Failing to Comply

City of London and Coordinating Agency staff will conduct regular inspection of garden areas. If any violation of the above rules is found, the Coordinating Agency will issue a written notice to the Gardener immediately. If at the end of a two-week period, the problem has not been resolved, the Coordinating Agency will review the issue with the City Division Manager, Parks & Community Sports or designate, and the plot may be reassigned and the Gardener's gardening privileges cancelled. The unused portion of the garden plot rental fee would be refunded to the Gardener.