



# YARA-GRCG Garden & Orchard Guidelines

Welcome to Grow Regina (GR) and best wishes for a successful gardening season. To make the experience of gardening as fair and as satisfying as possible, Grow Regina has prepared the following information and guidelines that all gardeners are expected to follow as a condition of accepting your application to ensure that the rights of all gardeners and adjacent property owners are respected.

## **Gardener Courtesy:**

- Gardeners are asked to avoid planting to the extreme edges of their plots or planting tall plants that will shade neighbouring plots.

## **Parking:**

- Parking is allowed on the St. Mark's church parking lot. Please respect this privilege by keeping the parking lot clean (example remove mud and any other debris you bring to the lot). Avoid parking in this area during St. Mark's church services or other special events.

## **Children and Pets:**

- Children are welcome as long as they are under close supervision. Pets are not allowed in the garden area under any circumstances, even if on a leash.

## **Non-Commercial Use of Crops:**

- Garden produce must not be sold. Gardeners are encouraged to donate their excess produce to The Regina Food Bank.

## **Pathway Maintenance:**

- Gardeners are responsible to maintain the pathway adjacent to their garden plot and maintain the integrity of the crusher dust base by keeping soil from your garden off the path and wooden boundary boards and removing all weeds from pathways.

## **Hoses and Watering:**

- Hoses provided by GR are to be handled with care and properly coiled on a hose hanger after each use to allow for access by wheelchair and/or riding lawnmower. If there is a problem with a hose or a water leak, please contact GR or leave a note on the shed. Only hand held nozzles are permitted and must not be left unattended while in use. Water conservation is everyone's responsibility.

## **Tools:**

- GR has a limited supply of tools and wheelbarrows available for use located at either shed. Tools must be cleaned and returned to shed after each use. Report damaged tools for repair or replacement. Tools may not be removed from the garden site.

## **Weed and Pest Control:**

- GR requires all gardeners to use environmentally friendly methods of weed and pest control. All weeds must be bagged and removed from the YARA-GRCG site including paths adjacent to your plots. Gardeners are directed to the Grow Regina website for weed identification information. Use of fertilizers is allowed.



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### Clean Up:

- Gardeners are required to clean up their garden plots no later than Thanksgiving Monday. A Loraas Bin will be available later in the season to assist with fall cleanup.
- All plant material must be removed from your plot prior to final fall inspection except perennials.
- Soil amendments added must be dug in to the soil (such as leaf mulch, peat moss, fertilizer).
- No permanent structures are permitted to remain in the garden unless otherwise approved by Grow Regina.
- All materials brought into the garden must be taken with you including but not limited to fencing, plastics, paving stones, tomato cages, decorations, plant pots, loose boards, string, bags, and cans.

### Use and Misuse of Gardens:

- If you are absent for an extended period of time, please arrange for someone to look after your garden and/or tree. If you need assistance, talk to other gardeners in the garden or call Grow Regina.
- In the event of plot or tree abandonment or misuse (including but not limited to unkempt or neglect, poor control of weeds, disease and pests, growing illegal plants or use of chemicals), GR may impose penalties listed below.
- Grow Regina is not responsible for any damages that may occur to your planting due to natural or unnatural forces.

### Orchard Planting:

- The applicant is responsible for the purchase of the tree, planting and continued care of the tree, including a 6'x6' square centered on your tree.
- Trees should be planted within a reasonable time after the approval of the application. Planting seasons will be determined by the Orchard Committee.
- An Orchard Renewal Fee is required to maintain ownership of the planting. Failure to renew your application by June 1<sup>st</sup> of any year will be interpreted by Grow Regina as cancellation and/or abandonment of planting.

### Orchard Signage:

- Each approved applicant will be assigned a location and a specific Identification Number. This information will be recorded in a permanent Grow Regina record binder.
- All markers for memorial trees must be approved by the YARA-GRCG Orchard Committee and be installed at the expense of the applicant.

### Penalties:

- Failure to comply with these guidelines may result in penalties imposed by Grow Regina including the right to confiscate your garden plot and/or other appropriate remedial action.
- Unauthorized removal of any produce and/or material from YARA-GRCG constitutes theft punishable under the Criminal Code. Charges may also be applied to individuals causing damage to plants, equipment, and structures.