



Who we are:

The Parry Sound Community Garden (PSCG) is operated collectively by its gardeners on land owned by the Parry Sound District Social Services Administration Board (PSDSSAB). Our continued use of this land depends on maintaining good relationships with PSDSSAB, the community, and the surrounding neighbourhood. We must all respect the interests of our fellow gardeners and the community that we share our gardening space with. To promote this and to ensure that the needs of the Garden and the requirements of our insurance policy, and relevant Parry Sound town ordinances are met, the PSCG Committee requires all gardeners to agree to and abide by these rules. The PSCG was created to fulfill a need in the community for a space to garden as well as to support Harvest Share. In lieu of paying a monetary amount to use the garden space, a donation of **20%** of all produce harvested must be donated to various agencies including Esprit Place, Salvation Army Food Bank and Harvest Share Parry Sound for distribution through their programs.

Rules and Garden Etiquette

Please read all of the rules and sign below.

- Prior to commencing any planting, interested members of the garden must contact the Garden Co-ordinating Agency (Community Living Parry Sound) to arrange a plot.
- I will act in a manner considerate of the rights, needs, and safety of other gardeners and the community at large.
- It is my responsibility to plant, weed, water and clean-up my garden plot.
- I shall keep my plants within the boundaries of my 10' x 10' plot provided to me. Plots are staked at the corners.
- I will ensure the paths surrounding my plot will be free of debris.
- If an adjacent plot's gardener complains of excessive shading by anything on your plot, you must come to an agreement or remove it.
- I will have something planted in my plot by July 1, 2011 or forfeit my plot.
- I will never use pesticides or herbicides in the garden.
- I will not plant trees in my plot

- I will not use GMO (Genetically Modified Organism's) in the garden. Heirloom varieties are requested.
- I will ensure the Garden Coordinator always has my current contact information.
- I will pick and remove my ripe produce promptly to avoid encouraging theft and waste.
- 20% of my produce will be donated to Harvest Share and other organizations as noted.
- I will put compostable materials only in the compost area. Never dump debris or garden materials anywhere else on the property.
- I will respect the garden's property and assets, use equipment and tools owned in common and treat them with care. I will return them to the shed promptly and store them neatly and securely for the safety and convenience of fellow gardeners.
- Do not enter other's plots except with permission
 - Only leashed pets allowed in the garden area and they must be cleaned up after.

Consequences of Rule Violations

The cooperation of **all** gardeners is needed to ensure that Parry Sound Community Garden runs smoothly and that we can maintain our obligations to our property and neighbours. If a gardener violates the agreed-upon rules, the Committee will address the violation as follows.

You will be notified that you have forfeited your plot if you:

- Abandon your plot
- Fail to remedy any violation of the rules by the deadline in a second notice

Violation procedures

- If a violation is noted, the Committee sends the primary plot holder a **first notice** by mail, indicating the problem and the deadline for correction. A reasonable amount of time will be given.
- If the problem is not corrected by the first-notice deadline, the Committee issues a **second and final notice** by mail. It restates the problem and indicates both the deadline for correction and the consequences of failing to correct the problem: **immediate plot forfeiture**.

I _____ understand that neither the garden group nor owners of the land are responsible for my actions. I THEREFORE AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS THE GARDEN GROUP AND OWNERS OF THE LAND FOR ANY LIABILITY, DAMAGE, LOSS OR CLAIM THAT OCCURS IN CONNECTION WITH USE OF THE GARDEN BY ME OR ANY OF MY GUESTS. I have read, understood and agree to comply with the PSCG rules.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: What plants are acceptable to grow?

A:

- Vegetables
- Herbs
- Flowers
- Small fruit plants
- No trees or shrubs

Q: Can I put a fence around my own plot?

A: You may put a fence around your own plot. It must not be taller than 4 feet and you must remove it during fall clean-up.

Q: Something has occurred in my personal life and I am no longer able to care for my plot. What should I do?

A: Contact the Garden Coordinator, Rick Harrington at (705)746-9330 immediately and it will be cared for.

If you have any other questions or concerns please contact Rick Harrington at (705)746-9330



Parry Sound Community Garden Plot Application Form

Name(s): _____

Address : _____

Telephone number (Daytime): _____ (Evenings): _____

Email Address: _____

The crops I intend to plant are:

Please briefly describe your past gardening experiences:

Are you willing to share your gardening expertise with someone new to gardening? _____

Are you someone new to gardening and looking for guidance? _____

Please write down any special requests you may have (e.g. a plot beside a friend, including friends name; a corner plot etc; a north side plot if intending to have taller crops, an accessible raised plot):

Are you interested in a second plot? (The second plot will be offered based on availability; you will be notified in late spring if a plot is available. Please note that it is NOT guaranteed that you will receive a second plot) _____

**Please return all forms to Community Living Parry Sound, 38 Joseph St. Parry Sound or fax to (705)746-6151