

# **Hinton Community Garden Society**

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# Guidelines

### Security

- **1.** Members may not share the gate key box combination code with anyone else, and are responsible for replacing the key and locking the key box after opening the gate.
- **2.** The gate may be left open only if the Barrow's Safety Services sign shows "OPEN", otherwise please lock it behind you if you are the last person at the Greenhouse site.
- **3.** Visitors are to be accompanied by a member and are encouraged to sign the "GUESTBOOK" as well as abide by the Guidelines.

### Waste

- **1.** Please be careful to dispose of all plastic materials and other recyclables, in the designated containers for recycling.
- **2.** Any diseased or rotten plants or produce is to be disposed of in the designated garbage cans.
- **3.** All plant waste is to be placed in the designated collection/composting areas.
- 4. Please empty full garbage cans into the bin near the entrance gate.

## **Children and Pets**

- **1.** Children must be supervised by a parent(s) or guardian(s) adult at all times.
- **2.** No pets are permitted in the greenhouses. Pets must be controlled on a leash in the garden areas. Please clean up after your pets.
- **3.** No smoking.

## Gardening

- **1.** Only an organic fertilizer, herbicide, pesticide, mulch/ground cover, may be used. Genetically-modified seeds are strictly prohibited.
- **2.** Harvest only from your own garden plot.
- **3.** Members may not tend another members' garden plot without permission.



- **4.** Members that fail to keep their garden plots weeded and/or maintained could result in forfeiture of the plots. Warning will be given.
- **5.** Watering should be done with care to avoid over-watering and waste.
- **6.** Garden plot holders are encouraged to record what they plant in their plots, date planted, date harvested, and any other useful gardening information, using the online forms found on the website. This information is invaluable to other gardeners and in future years.

#### **Gatherings and Group Events**

- 1. Members are encouraged to hold informal meetings or picnics, but gatherings of more than 10 people require permission from the Board (or designate) for scheduling purposes.
- **2.** Please check the calendar if you wish to avoid gardening when school groups or other Group Events are taking place.

#### **Plot Assignment**

- **1.** Garden plots are assigned on a first come first served basis.
- **2.** Members will be allowed to hold one garden plot, unless there are additional plots available.
- **3.** Members who wish to rent garden plots that were not drawn for space that year, may put their name on the waiting list for the next available plot.
- **4.** Garden plots must be paid in full, by the deadline indicated each year, or the plot will be redistributed to those on the waiting list.

#### **Tools and Facilities**

- **1.** Each member is responsible for keeping the work areas and tables clean and tidy.
- **2.** Tools and supplies, belonging to HCGS, must be properly cleaned and replaced in the designated areas, and may not be removed from the site.
- **3.** Please keep the path area around your garden plot clipped, neat, and clear of debris and overgrow. Place unwanted pots/trays in the designated areas.
- **4.** Please carefully follow the composting instructions located at the compost bins, located between the North and South Greenhouses.



5. Members may place temporary decorations at or near their site, but acknowledge that these may be removed by the Board (or designate) if they interfere with greenhouse or garden function, pose a safety risk, encroach on another member's plot, or are deemed offensive.

#### **Volunteer Contribution**

- **1.** Members must provide a minimum of four hours of volunteer work each year.
- **2.** The Board will create a list of projects and volunteer opportunities each year which members may sign up for on a first-come first-serve basis.
- **3.** Members must pay a \$40 deposit which will be refunded at the end of the season providing volunteer hours have been met and plots have been cleaned.
- **4.** Unless part of an organized project, members must record the hours that they volunteer in the "Volunteer Time-Sheet".

#### Consequences

- Because this is a community project, we all need to ensure that the Guidelines are respected. If you notice someone breaking a rule, please bring it to their attention. Any concerns may also be directed to the Board (or designate), and may result in loss of membership privileges.
- **2.** Members that don't keep their plots weeded and maintained risk the forfeiture of their plots. Notice will be given.

The Guidelines may be amended by the Board should an issue concerning the betterment of the project as a whole arise.



## **BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP**

#### Members can:

- 1. Rent garden plots.
- 2. Gain a great deal of independence and security by growing your own flowers, fruits and vegetables in a sustainable and organic way, **locally!**
- 3. Access a wealth of information within the membership.
- 4. Visit the Society website for updates on the project and its future.
- 5. Vote. Have <u>your</u> say on important topics at Society meetings.
- 6. Have access to Society literature, gardening tools, membership pricing with various suppliers and more!
- 7. Meet others with common interests in gardening and form new relationships within the community.
- 8. Bring friends and family to visit the gardens and tour the site.
- 9. Learn to grow. From flowers to fruit, gardening is a great way for people of all ages to expand their mind.
- 10. Access periodic workshops held by the Society with gardening related themes.
- 11. Participate in Society events such as BBQ's, harvest celebrations and more.



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#### 2014 Membership Form

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Address:		
Telephone:	E-mail:	
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The Hinton Community Garden is maintained by its members. There is no paid staff. The requirements for membership are yearly dues of \$10.00 and 4 hours of volunteer work per year. A \$40 deposit at time of registration will be returned at the end of the season, providing hours have been met and plots are cleaned.

Greenhouse Maintenance	Landscaping
Opening & Closing sides and doors	Flower Box Maintenance
	Compost Bin Turning
	Weed Whipping/mowing
Work Bees as Needed	Publicity
Work Bees as Needed Spring Opening	Publicity website update/expand
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#### **Registration and Liability Release**

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_, shall indemnify and hold harmless Hinton Community Garden Society and any of its officers, employees, volunteers, servants, agents, contractors and sub-contractors from any and all loss, liability, claims or expense arising out of the use and/or occupation of the property belonging to the Community Greenhouse Project by the Individual/User Group and of its officers, employees, servants, contractors and volunteers.

I agree to absolve the Hinton Community Garden Society and/or its agents of any liability in case of loss, damage or injury resulting from or in connection with participating in this activity. In the event that the HCGS lease with the Town of Hinton is terminated and the greenhouse is required to relocate, I agree that my rental of a garden box may be terminated by the Hinton **Community Garden Society within 60 days of notice in writing being delivered to the registrant.** 

I have read the HCGS Guidelines and agree to abide by them.			
Signatu	Date		
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0	11,15,18 sq ft plots in North GH, and 13.5, 18 and 27 sq ft plots in South GH I would like an outdoor plot \$1.00/sq ft – 15 & 11 sq ft plots		