

## WLA Community Garden Guidelines

**The organizers of this community garden have established the following guidelines. Please read and direct any questions or comments to the garden team leaders.**

1. Each gardener is a valuable member of the community garden. Be respectful of each other, the environment and the neighbourhood. Keep the garden clean and free of weeds and litter.
2. The growing season is defined as the period from the Victoria Day weekend to the “Garden Clean-Up Day” the 3rd Saturday in October.
3. Gardeners are asked to come to all gardening meetings, clean-up days and to participate in garden events.
4. A \$ 25.00 deposit (cash or cheque) paid to West London Alliance Church, gives the gardener the use of one garden plot for one growing season. Fee is due before garden plot can be worked.
5. Gardeners are to prepare their own garden plot. Plots not planted by June 15 will be assigned to someone else.
6. Chemical pesticides and herbicides as well as poisonous plants or plants that cause excessive shading or invading of neighbouring plots are not allowed. This will include the plant list distributed at the beginning of the growing season.
7. Any items erected on the plot need to be approved by a member of the WLA Garden Team (eg – trellis, obelisk, etc). Personal signage/ornaments shall not exceed 6 inches in height and must be approved.
8. Each gardener will take care of their plot and the pathway adjoining the plot. If a garden plot is neglected for two weeks, the gardener will be given a notice. If the garden plot is not taken care of by the end of the third week, the gardener will lose their plants and plot.
9. Please put weeds and dead plants into the compost area. Do not leave them in the pathway. Any diseased plants or seedy or invasive weeds are to be bagged and put in the designated area.
10. If a gardener plans to go away, they are to ask someone to look after their plot (and notify the garden coordinator via phone or email).
11. Gardeners are to clean and put away garden tools after use.
12. Do not pick flowers or vegetables from other gardeners’ plots or from the perennial border around the garden.
13. Respect the property surrounding the community garden. The garden is open during daylight hours only.
14. Conserve water. You may wish to use mulch like leaves, grass clippings or straw on top of your soil, to hold moisture in the ground.
15. Smoking, vaping, alcohol and drugs are not allowed in the garden.
16. Pets (on leash) and children must be supervised at all times.
17. Gardeners are expected to attend spring and fall clean-up days (tentative dates: Saturday before May long weekend and the third Saturday in October).
18. Communication will be by e-mail. Please respect the confidentiality of personal information. Arrangements will be made for those without e-mail.