

Garden Plot Program Expectations

The City of Red Deer Garden Plot Program provides great opportunities for Red Deerians to get outside, grow healthy food, meet people, and enjoy our community through the growing season. The expectation is that participants will ensure the program remains successful and enjoyable for all. Gardeners are to be stewards of the entire garden area, reporting misuse, picking up litter, being responsible for the surrounding environment and keeping noise levels down. The following checklist of rules guides users through the appropriate activities for participating in this program.

1. You are responsible for maintaining your garden plot and any access or walkway to your garden plot. This includes weed and litter removal. If you are not able to tend your plot, notify the garden representative. Neglected plots will be reassigned or tilled.
2. Individual garden plot boundaries will be staked and marked; boundary markers should not be removed. Verify the numbers on the boundaries before planting. **Ensure to plant in the correct location.**
3. The City of Red Deer has provided a SUPPLEMENTAL watering source at all garden plot locations. Water tanks will be filled on a scheduled basis, not as required when empty. Gardeners are encouraged to provide their own water from home. Water containers and garden tools are not provided.
4. To protect sensitive natural areas and aquatic ecosystems the use of conventional pesticides (which includes but is not limited to herbicides, insecticides, fungicides, and rodenticides) within garden plots and on public lands is prohibited; certain ecologically sensitive pest control products may be considered at the discretion of Parks staff. As an added measure of environmental protection, you are encouraged to use organic fertilizers in place of synthetic.
5. Composting is permitted and encouraged within your plot boundaries.
6. Diseased plant material must be bagged and disposed of with regular garbage; do not place in compost bins.
7. Be considerate of your neighbors; do not plant sprawling crops or tall ones that might interfere with the garden next to yours.
8. Do not water, weed or prune another plot unless requested to by the gardener responsible for that plot.
9. Do not enter any private lands adjacent to the garden sites.
10. If vandalism or theft occurs, notify the representative. For immediate assistance call RCMP/Bylaw Complaint Line – 403.406.2200. The City of Red Deer is not liable for any loss of crops due to theft.
11. If you will be away during the growing season, ensure that someone will tend to your plot.
12. At the end of the gardening season all plant materials, including weeds, should be pulled from the ground, and left on the surface of the soil.
13. Previous year gardeners have priority for plot assignments or switching to another site or plot.
14. Plots are assigned according to the waitlist maintained by the garden representative.
15. Failure to comply with the above rules may result in the loss of gardening privileges.

The personal information contained on this contract is collected under the authority of The Municipal Government Act s. 3 and will be used for the purpose(s) of administration of the agreement. If you have any question about this collection, please contact the Manager of the Parks and Public Works department or call Cemetery Services 403.342.8303

Be sure to fill out all required information as indicated by the blue highlighted fields, read the full agreement, and sign Page 1. above "Garden Plot Registrant".

Save the file to your computer, then send the completed form to cemeteryservices@reddeer.ca OR you may print the form, fill it in by hand, and bring it to the Alto Reste Cemetery office during business hours, Mon-Fri, 7:30am-4:00pm.