

# Maple Community Garden

## Conditions of Membership 2017

*Maple Community Garden was founded in 1989 and has as its principal objectives the development of a spirit of active participation and cooperation amongst its members, and the promotion of organic gardening methods. Members share space together in a responsible and collaborative way so that everyone can have an enjoyable gardening experience ☺*

**The following Conditions of Membership apply to all members:**

- a) One plot only per member; no subletting; no commercial use of plots or common areas.
- b) The primary member may name an associate member to attend work parties or Annual General Meetings in place of the primary member; if both the primary member and associate member are present at the same work party or meeting, credit for attendance shall be given only to the primary member.
- c) One plot corresponds to one vote in person at an Annual General Meeting.
- d) Only one Work Party alternative is allowed per year. Members who need to do additional communal work to complete their minimum Work Parties are responsible for signing up for alternative work such as watering of the common areas and other alternative duties, or by making arrangements with the Membership Chair.
- e) Payment of membership fee and signed Annual Contracts are both due at the Spring AGM or the first work party in March, otherwise plot may be reassigned.
- f) Raised beds must not be built up without discussing the proposed dimensions with the Executive.
- g) The use of row covers, cloches, greenhouses or similar structures are not allowed to block sunlight to neighbouring plots. For the same reason, tall plants must be grown on the North side of plots next to the fence.
- h) Midyear membership approvals and members who, in the determination of the Executive, are not fulfilling the Conditions of Membership and abiding by the terms of the Annual Contract will be subject to conditional membership status.
- i) If a member is not fulfilling the Conditions of Membership and abiding by the terms of the Annual Contract:  
The Chair and Vice Chair, in collaboration with the Membership Chair, will attempt to make a verbal request prior to sending written email notice to advise the member of the concern, and will provide 14 full days for the member to address the concern.
  - If concern is addressed within 14 days: no further action. However, if additional concerns come up in the same growing season the member will be placed on conditional membership.
  - If concern is **not** addressed: a second written email notice will be sent to the member advising that they are being placed on conditional membership as a result of the outstanding concern. The member will be provided with 4 additional days to address the concern.
    - If concern is addressed within 4 days: member remains on conditional membership, and must continue to meet their obligations and abide by the Annual Contract. If they do not, their Garden membership will be terminated and plot reassigned.
    - If concern is **not** addressed: Garden membership will be terminated and plot reassigned.
- j) For new membership applications, preference will be given to Kitsilano residents.

# Maple Community Garden Annual Contract 2017

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Entry Year \_\_\_\_\_ Section: \_\_\_\_\_ Plot: \_\_\_\_\_ Fee: \_\_\_\_\_

**As a Maple Community Garden Member, I \_\_\_\_\_ agree to:**

- 1) Attend at least 1 General Meeting per year, and participate respectfully according to normal meeting procedures.
- 2) Participate in at least 4 work parties per year.
- 3) Use only organic gardening practices (i.e. no chemical fertilizers, pesticides, or herbicides).
- 4) Supply my own trowel, clippers, and all other tools needed to maintain my plot.
- 5) Use the water system responsibly and conservatively.
- 6) Not use motorized garden/construction equipment in or around the garden, and avoid cell phone use.
- 7) Maintain my plot on a regular basis [including the area/pathways around my plot and outside the fence along 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue], and to:
  - keep grass clipped
  - dispose of weeds, and diseased or invasive plants promptly away from the garden area, *particularly Morning Glory, Buttercup and Goutweed which spread rapidly to other plots*
  - harvest mature crops promptly to prevent disease and deter rodents
  - have winter/spring weed growth cleared by April 1
  - have plot planted by May 25, with exception of extreme weather.
  - have plot cleared of summer/fall weed growth/finished plants by November 1.
- 8) Keep informed of meeting dates, work party dates, and other garden information by signing up for website news at [www.maplecommunitygarden.ca](http://www.maplecommunitygarden.ca), by providing your email address for email notifications, and by checking the Notice Board in the West Common area regularly.
- 9) Contribute actively, be respectful of others, and foster a spirit of cooperation between and among members.

***I agree that neither Maple Community Garden nor the City of Vancouver will bear any responsibility for any injuries incurred by me in or around Maple Community Garden.***

***I have read and understand the Maple Community Garden Conditions of Membership and Annual Contract.***

Primary Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

***Associate Member (if applicable):*** \_\_\_\_\_

***Phone:*** \_\_\_\_\_ ***Email*** \_\_\_\_\_