

Plot Holder Agreement - Terms and Conditions (summer 2016)

The purpose of this agreement is to help the ANSO Community Food Gardens run smoothly for all plot holders. Any plot holder who breaks the terms of this agreement, after receiving written notice, will lose his or her plot privileges. The ANSO Community Gardens Committee is the final authority in these matters.

1. The Garden is for recreational gardening to grow produce for personal and/or community use only. It is expected that produce will be consumed by passerbyers from time to time. If you really do not want anyone to eat something, please put up a kindly-worded sign in your plot.
2. Plot holders are responsible for cultivating, weeding, fertilizing, watering, and otherwise caring for their assigned plot. Plot holders must cultivate their plots to prevent the weeds from taking over. Weeds provide a home for harmful insects and pests that can infect a plot holder's own and neighbouring gardens. Plots that are not fully utilized or are a source of weed or pest problems will be reassigned at the discretion of the Committee. Invasive weeds (including mint) are not allowed in the gardens. Please ask if you are unsure a plant is invasive.
3. Watering is the responsibility of each plot holder. Plot holders who plan to go away during the prime growing season should arrange for someone to look after their plot. A watering schedule is typically arranged during the summer months – it is expected that all members help out with watering. Care should be taken to use the water system correctly and conservatively. Do not leave the water running unattended. During periods of dry weather, it may be necessary to observe watering schedules.
4. Plot holders are responsible for maintaining their plots in an orderly condition at all times. At the end of the summer growing season gardeners must clear their plots of dead vegetation, and also of stakes, cages, and other encumbrances not required for the fall/winter/spring growing season. Plot holders are required to clear their plot completely before giving them up. Garden plots will be inspected periodically by members of the Committee to ensure compliance with this agreement.
5. The stone pavers around the base of the plots are also the responsibility of the plot holder and must be kept free of dirt and debris which could clog up the drainage system.
6. As the plots are in close proximity to each other, please avoid allowing your plants to block sunlight to your neighbour's plot. No structures are allowed outside of the plot. Structures like trellises or cages, inside a plot must not be higher than 5 feet and must be positioned in a place that does not shade neighbouring plots.
7. If there is a complaint about a structure, the Committee will decide what, if any, action is required.
8. The ANSO Gardens are committed to a policy of organic gardening. Plot holders are required to follow organic cultivation practices. The use of pesticides, chemical fertilizers, and animal waste is prohibited in the Garden. Organic fertilizers such as manure, canola seed meal, peat, seaweed, compost, bone meal and lime are permitted.
9. From time to time, plot holders will be expected to participate in work 'parties' that may be organized from time to time, as needed. If the plot holder is unable to attend they must either arrange for someone else to participate on their behalf or arrange with their Garden Representative to make up the time doing other volunteer work for the garden. A plot holder who fails to fulfill this commitment of volunteer labour will forfeit the right to a plot for the following year.
10. Plot holders must use hand equipment only: no motorized equipment is permitted.
11. There is no smoking in the Garden. In addition to second hand smoke being a health hazard: research shows that tobacco can transmit viruses to tomatoes.
12. Open containers of water are not permitted, due to mosquitoes which may carry and spread viruses.
13. Plot holders are welcome to hold events in the Gardens provided they clean up afterwards.
14. Members of the ANSO community (people who use the building on a regular bases) are welcome to apply for a garden plot. Applications are received on a first-come-first-serve bases and allocated is made at the discretion of the Community Gardens Committee (the "Committee"). Application forms can be emailed to soci.head@ubc.ca.