

The Laughing Willow Community Garden Vision

- **Create** a safe, peaceful place for people of all ages to gather and bond over the organic growing and maintenance of a garden. Ecological gardening practices only!
- **Provide** fresh, organic, produce for the Food Bank and Soup Kitchen. Our leadership committee will be overseeing a large garden dedicated to growing food for these organizations. Garden members will be encouraged to grow food for the same purpose.
- **Encourage** therapeutic gardening for seniors and people with disabilities. “Enabled” garden beds will be available, therapeutic gardening programs as well as peaceful garden lunch dates open to groups who take care of seniors/disabled people.
- **Accessible** to everyone. We will ensure that the Laughing Willow Community Garden is accessible to everyone by meeting “accessibility” standards.
- **Enhance** the Simms neighbourhood, the Campbell River area and the Communities in Bloom program with an aesthetically beautiful and peaceful community garden.
- **Create** an environment that encourages family time in the garden. Kids gardens and a small children's play area will help encourage families to garden together.
- **Educate** the community in ecological gardening, sustainability, waste management etc. By practising organic gardening, composting, and by having regular educational sessions in the garden which are open to the public.
- **Encourage** and support the creation of more community gardens in the Campbell River area. We would like to form a network of Community Gardens in the Campbell River area.

Gardeners Agreement

1. Organic gardening only! No synthetic fungicides, pesticides or fertilizers.
2. All gardeners are required to complete an application form. An annual membership fee of \$35.00 is due, with the signed Gardeners Agreement and Release of All Claims, by January 1st.
3. All gardeners are required to sign up for at least one garden job/listed on the application. Please contact the garden leaders for more information.
4. All members are required to attend at least 2 scheduled meetings (will be announced throughout the season).
5. Garden meetings and work parties will be scheduled throughout the season. Every member will be required to partake in the general maintenance of the common grounds. Please plan to attend to get to know your fellow gardeners and assist with garden upkeep and special projects.
6. Keep your plot and the adjoining pathways tended. If your plot appears to be untended for a period of 30 days, and you have not contacted the garden monitor, you will be contacted and your plot may be assigned to another gardener. Call your garden monitor if you need help or if you will be out of town for an extended period of time. If you plan to discontinue use of your space, please let the monitor or registrar know as soon as possible so that your plot can be assigned to another gardener.
7. Plant tall plants and vines in places where they will not interfere with your neighbor's plot or common areas. You may be asked to remove a plant if it interferes with other gardeners beds or common areas. Planting illegal plants is prohibited.
8. At the end of the gardening season, all dead plants and non-plant materials must be removed and disposed of properly and all gardens left neat and tidy. Contact your garden monitor for information on “clean-up” events, where an opportunity to have waste removed from the site may be available. If your garden is not cleaned-up by November 1st, you could lose your gardening privileges for the next season or be reassigned to a new, smaller plot.

Release of All Claims

I, _____, am a participant in the Laughing Willow Community Garden. As a condition of being allowed to participate in the Laughing Willow Community Garden, I agree to the following:

1. I am duly aware of the risks and hazards that may arise through participation in the Laughing Willow Community Garden, and assume any expenses and liabilities I incur in the event of an accident, illness or other incapacity. If I have had any questions about the Laughing Willow Community Garden, its nature, risks or hazards, I have contacted the garden coordinator and discussed those questions with him or her to my satisfaction.

2. In consideration of being granted the opportunity to participate in the Laughing Willow Community Garden, I, for myself, my executors, administrators, agents and assigns do hereby release and forever discharge the Garden Committee, Garden Coordinator, volunteers, other gardeners, and the cooperating landowner from all claims of damages, demands, and any actions whatsoever, including those based on negligence, in any manner arising out of my participation in this activity. I understand that this Release means that, among other things, I am giving up my right to sue for any such losses, damages, injury or costs that I may incur.

I represent and certify that my true age is either 18 years old or, if I am under 18 years old on this date, my parent or legal guardian has read and signed this form. I have read this entire Release, fully understand it, and I agree to be legally bound by it.

Participant's Signature _____

Printed Name _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____

Printed Name _____ Date _____