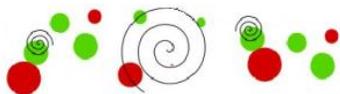




Membership Handbook

Our mission is to provide inclusive space for all citizens to garden together within the City of Fredericton.

We will create a shared vision to work collaboratively and to cultivate a place for individuals, families and friends to learn about and to experience the rewards of gardening – “to grow food, grow minds and grow community”



For more information or to apply for membership, please contact

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As a non-profit group, we accept donations to support our projects and sponsor gardeners



Membership Benefits: General Member Only

As a **NBCHG General Member** (\$10/year) you receive the following benefits:

- ✓ Access to NBCHG workshops and educational programs. These are offered year-round, on a wide range of topics related to food production and preservation.
- ✓ Informational updates via email
- ✓ Access to the NBCHG website for resources on gardening & events calendar
- ✓ Opportunity to join NBCHG committees involved in develop existing & new community garden projects throughout our city
- ✓ Opportunity to attend & participate in the NBCHG Annual General Meeting for the election of officers
- ✓ Invitations to join in events hosted by NBCHG

Note:

Anyone wishing to have a garden plot must read and agree to follow the Gardeners Agreement and Safety Guidelines (please see over)

Any member may apply for assistance to cover their fees.



Membership Benefits: Member/Gardener

As a **NBCHG Member/Gardener** (\$20 to \$30/year) you receive the following *additional* benefits:

- ✓ A gardening plot in an NBCHG Community Garden and support to grow your own food for yourself and your family
- ✓ Priority in the assignment of plots on a first-come-first-served basis
- ✓ Opportunities to share information and advice with other gardeners
- ✓ Opportunities to work with other garden members to create a healthy, active and engaged community
- ✓ Enjoyment that comes from creating a neat, tidy and beautiful garden space
- ✓ Opportunities to have input into decisions around events, coordination of memberships, and garden maintenance
- ✓ Invitations to join in social activities hosted by the garden
- ✓ Opportunities to grow food to be donated at the end of the growing season to local community food agencies





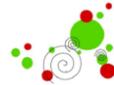
NBCHG Gardeners Agreement

As a Member/Gardener in an NBCHG garden

I understand that:

- ✓ NBCHG will provide land, soil amendments such as compost or composted manure, water, and access to tools & a variety of seeds.
- ✓ NBCHG will assign plots on a first-come-first-served basis. Assigned plots cannot be transferred.
- ✓ I can apply for, and pay additional fees, to have more than one plot. Additional plots will be assigned to me if available, and the extra fee will be payable, after June 15th.
- ✓ I will be responsible for preparing my soil in the spring, and planting and maintaining my plot and surrounding pathways throughout the growing season (April to October).
- ✓ I will need to visit my garden plot regularly during the growing season for weeding, watering, staking, or harvesting.
- ✓ My plot is to be used for food/flowers and not allowed to 'naturalize'. Weeds are to be removed not allowed to go to seed. If my plot looks like it is being neglected someone may contact me to see if I need help.

- ✓ I will volunteer 2 hours per month (minimum 12 hours per year) in an NBCHG activity of my choice (see *Community Contribution* opportunities) and hours are to be documented as directed. These gardens exist because of the work of volunteers. By pitching in to help with jobs, projects or events, you'll be supporting the garden as a whole, and ensuring that the work is spread among many people.



Tips for Success, Safety and Security at the Garden

Make friends with other gardeners. Experienced gardeners are an invaluable resource at your garden. Pick their brains for gardening tips. Learn the names of other gardeners. Share some extra produce, or tell people about interesting plants you are growing. Help build our community.

Be proud to share information about the garden. Bring friends or family to visit. Welcome new members and visitors with a smile.

Educate yourself. Check out books from the library, or attend some of NBCHG's workshops. There's always something to learn about gardening. The more you learn, the more success you'll have.

Attend scheduled meetings or workdays. This will help you meet other gardeners and become part of your gardening community.

Use water carefully. Don't waste water, especially during dry spells. Reduce the need for water by using mulch.

Harvest on a regular basis! If you are going to be away, or if you are having difficulties maintaining your plot ask a friend or fellow gardener to help you, or talk to your garden coordinator and let them know you are having problems, so they can help. Surplus food can be donated to the food bank if it is still in good shape.

Settle disputes through calm discussion and goodwill. Contact your garden coordinator if you are having a problem that is not being resolved in this way.

Stay safe! Keep garden areas tidy and pathways clear of obstacles. Store tools safely in assigned spots in the shed. Use organic gardening practices, and avoid the use of chemicals. Keep the garden dog-free and smoke-free. Supervise children at all times. Follow safety guidelines and report any concerns to your garden coordinator right away.

Be wise about your own health in the garden. Only move what you can reasonably manage. Wear sunhats, gloves, sunscreen, and protective footwear as required. Bring drinking water. Wash hands after gardening.



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