



# Plot Agreement

# 2017

## Community Plots: General Information

Garden plots, which are about 4' x 12' are available to community organizations, groups, and individuals for a rental fee of \$30 per year.

**Compost and amendments for your plot are available to purchase from BTOR.** We should have those by mid April.

**Garden tools are available for common use** during weekday hours when the project coordinator is on site. If you know you'd like to use the tools, please contact her ahead of time to ensure she'll be available to unlock the shed ([Hillary.Lindsay@nshealth.ca](mailto:Hillary.Lindsay@nshealth.ca), cell: 902-817-3014).

**Water is available on site.** Hoses will be hooked up shortly and a watering can is left outside for plotter use.

**Public Washrooms and a water fountain** can be found in the top floor of the Hugh Bell building.

**Parking** is free after 4pm on weekends, otherwise there is metered parking. We are also conveniently located along the Dartmouth Harbourfront Cycling and Walking Trail!

Gardeners (also called "plotters") are required to attend an **orientation session**.

Plotters need to commit to tending their plots **at least once a week**. If you are part of a group, please ensure at least one member of your group tends the plot each week.

It is really important to keep your plot maintained, as neglect encourages theft, creates food waste, and the spread of weeds. **Please come weekly to tend your plot**. If you're having a problem with this, please let the Project Coordinator know (in advance, if possible).

You will receive **updates** via email. **Please take the time to read these;** they will contain important information about your plot and the farm in general! Updates usually arrive on Mondays, so keep an eye out for them!

**If you will be away** or can't come to the farm for a week or more, please arrange to have someone tend your plot (water, weed, harvest).

We are a new farm and are figuring things out as we go. Forgive us our imperfections, and please help by keeping the **path around your plot free of weeds** and volunteering when you can.

The seasonal fee is **\$30.00** per plot, paid at the beginning of the season. This helps cover the garden infrastructure and administration. We have kept the seasonal fee low in order to ensure the plots are as accessible as possible. If you feel it is reasonable for you or your group to contribute more, **please consider a donation**. **Cheques can be made out to Partners for Care** and are tax deductible for donations over \$25.

Please join our Facebook page for more information or email the Project Coordinator at [Hillary.Lindsay@nshealth.ca](mailto:Hillary.Lindsay@nshealth.ca).

## **Code of Conduct**

Be positive stewards of the land, tools and structures.

No smoking.

Dogs on leash please.

Exercise care, diligence, safety, and skill to the best of your ability.

Treat everyone with dignity and respect.

Collaborate with others and celebrate diversity.

Use at your own risk.

## **Community Plots Agreement**

**Back To Our Roots Urban Farm asks individuals and participating groups to agree to the following:**

attend an orientation session on the farm prior to planting my/our plot.

keep the plot planted and maintained throughout the growing season.

respect the Code of Conduct, (see above).

provide the Project Coordinator with up-to-date contact information as it changes.

participate in the fall cleanup of the garden.

plant tall crops only where they will not shade neighboring plots.

pick only our own crops unless given permission by another plot user.

Not to use inorganic insecticides, pesticides, or weed repellents.

gain approval from the staff before using any fertilizer, spray, or other input.

if contacted three times within a month without replying, our plot will be re-assigned and/or the produce from the plot will be offered to others.

notify the Project Coordinator immediately if the plot must be abandoned.

weed and tidy the plot and surrounding pathways.

keep trash and litter out of our plot and from adjacent pathways and fences.

respect farm watering schedules and needs.

ensure that minors involved have parental consent to participate.

comply with any BTORUF policies or procedures

We are responsible for our employees, volunteers, participants, and guests. We will not knowingly permit any of them to act in breach of BTORUF policies or procedures.

I/We understand that the Back To Our Roots Urban Farm operators, staff, and owners of the land are not responsible for the actions of my group.

I/WE AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS THE BACK TO OUR ROOTS URBAN FARM OPERATORS AND STAFF, PARTNERS FOR CARE AND THE NOVA SCOTIA HEALTH AUTHORITY FOR ANY LIABILITY, DAMAGE, LOSS OR CLAIM THAT OCCURS IN CONNECTION WITH USE OF THE BACK TO OUR ROOTS URBAN FARM BY US OR ANY OF OUR EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS, PARTICIPANTS OR GUESTS. I/We release Back To Our Roots Urban Farm, Partners for Care and the Nova Scotia Health Authority, their Directors, servants, agents or employees from any claims, demands, damages, actions or causes arising out of or in consequence of any loss, injury or damage to my/our person or property arisen from our participation in Back To Our Roots Urban Farm.

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

**Date:**

**Individual/Organization Name:**

**Name to appear on plot marker:**

**Primary contact: Name, phone, & email:**

**What is the best way to contact you?**

**Contact 2 (for groups):**

**Contact 3 (for groups):**

**Do you have any skills or knowledge you wish to share, or workshop you would be interested in leading?**

**Do you have any skills or knowledge you wish to gain, or a workshop you would be interested in taking?**

**At what point during the week would a workshop you are interested in be best for you? (please only reply if you think you'd like to attend workshops)**

- a) Lunch hour during the weekdays
- b) 5pm during the weekdays
- c) 7pm during the weekdays
- d) Weekends

**Do you have any special needs or necessary considerations to facilitate your participation?**

***We agree to all points in the Community Plots Agreement.***

**Signature:**