

Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield

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ALLOTMENT AGREEMENT FOR FAMILIES IN *Come Grow with Us* PROGRAM

ELIGIBILITY

To obtain a plot, the family must become a member of the Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield.

The membership fee is \$15.00.

The plot fee is \$15.00

The curriculum book (*Come Grow With Us*) costs \$10.00

Plot holders are asked to provide about 3 hours per month of volunteer support. ***You will meet the coordinator and sign up for a specific team.*** Each team will help with maintenance of the Farm. For example, one team will weed paths, another team will ensure that there is water in the barrels, another will weed specific plots in the market garden. Help is also need in supporting programs, set up for events, and with the market garden sales.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF PLOT-HOLDERS

1. We agree to **begin cultivating our plot** at the beginning of the Urban Farm's growing season, or within two weeks of receiving a plot. We will make other arrangements with the Coordinator if we cannot meet this requirement.
2. We agree to **attend the Come Grow With Us learning session** every week, which are given by staff and volunteers
3. We agree to **maintain our plot** well, including weeding at least once every two weeks beginning from when the garden is planted until it is put to bed for the winter. We agree to let the Garden Coordinator know when and if we cannot meet these requirements, so that we might have assistance arranging a trade of our maintenance duties with another plot-holder.
4. We agree to **visit our plot only during daylight hours**, between May 1st and the end of October. We are aware that access to shed and the tools is only possible when someone is present who has been given responsibility for the shed. This could be staff, a board member or other designated individual. The staff schedule will be provided to plot holders at the beginning of the gardening season.
5. We agree to use only **organic growing techniques**. In order to maintain UFMSS's growing standards and to allow seed-saving, we agree to use only non-hybrid seeds provided by UFMSS. If we want to use other seeds we agree to first

get permission from the Garden Coordinator. We also agree not to use any artificial fertilizers, herbicides, or noxious pesticides. We are aware that we can ask for information and guidance in dealing with problems.

6. We agree **not to cultivate noxious or illegal plants** on our allotment, and we agree not to plant anything that will cast shade onto another plot or invade another plot.

7. We agree to **clear tools from the field after use**, clean them, and store them where they belong in the shed. We are aware that this is a safety measure and maintains the UFMSS Tool Bank for all plot-holders.

8. I/We agree to **abide by the policies and regulations** of the Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield. (Policies and regulations are available from the Coordinator or any Board Member.

9. We agree to **keep the garden as a garbage-free zone**, and to take home any packaging, bottles, plastic containers etc. that we bring to the site.

10. We agree **not to smoke on the site**.

11. For dog owners: We agree to **keep our dog on a leash** and pick up & remove its excrement from the site.

12. We agree to **secure all garden gates** before we leave the site to prevent deer from entering the garden and eating the plants.

13. We agree **not to trespass into the yard of 62 Rockingstone Road** (private property).

14. We understand that our **plot is assigned for one growing season** only.

15. We understand that **if we abandon our plot** and do not respond to email or phone calls within 15 days, the produce in our allotment will be harvested and distributed.

15. We understand that **the Urban Farm is primarily a teaching garden** and not a community garden. This means that Urban Farm program participants will also use gardening space.

_____ & _____ (Initials) WE HAVE READ the conditions above & WE AGREE to abide by them.

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2. The Society's Tool Bank will be available for plot holders to use on a sign-up basis. The Tool Bank is available when a staff member or UFMS Members is at the garden site, and their schedule will be distributed at the beginning of the garden season. .
3. Water for garden beds will be available from the water barrels. (Staff and volunteers will keep water barrels filled and will provide information on how to use water wisely in the garden).

WAIVER

Plot-holder gardeners and their guests enter the Urban Farm Museum site and use the Tool Bank at their own risk. The Urban Farm Museum Society of SpryField, its agents and assigns, are not responsible for any injury which plot-holders or their guests may incur on the site, or as a result of cultivation or other activities on the site, or use of the Tool Bank.

Plot Holder Name (printed):

Plot Holder Signature:.....

Names of other family members

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Street Address:.....

..... Postal Code.....

Telephone: (home)..... (cell)..... (work)

Email:

UFMSS Representative (printed):

Signature for UFMSS:.....

Date:.....

Contact person for the program: Patricia (Pat) MacLean, 902-477-6087 / jamac@ns.sympatico.ca

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