

Guidelines for Garden Box Rentals - 2024

Welcome to Hepburn Community Gardens!

To ensure a thriving and harmonious gardening experience for all participants, please read and adhere to the following guidelines:



1. Garden box assignment: Boxes will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis at a rate of \$35/season. Rental agreement form must be completed and returned **before** gardening. Box renewals are on an annual basis.
2. Maintenance Policies:
 - a. Gardens must be planted by June 10 and harvested by Thanksgiving Monday.
 - b. Organic Practices: Please use organic and environmentally friendly gardening practices. **NO PESTICIDES OR HERBICIDES ALLOWED.** We encourage no-till practices and mulching with organic matter (grass clippings, leaves, straw) to improve moisture retention, limit weed growth and improve soil health.
 - c. No perennial plants permitted in boxes. Limit sunflowers to prevent shade issues.
 - d. Keep your box and adjacent area free of weeds, garbage, garden refuse. Use the provided compost collection site to place any spent/harvested plants. All plant materials must be removed down to a few inches of stubble at season's end.
 - e. If you are unable to maintain your box, please notify the Garden contacts (see below) in a timely manner.
 - f. If your garden box doesn't appear to be cared for and you haven't contacted the Garden, you will be given 2 weeks notice to address the issue. Non-compliance will result in produce being harvested and donated to the local food bank, and the forfeiting of gardening privileges.
3. Water Usage: Hoses will be available for use. Watering may only be done when user is present—no sprinklers left on. Access to the valve panel/tap will be given upon plot payment. Report any leaks or issues promptly. Bring your own nozzles. Be sure to turn off valve, lock the panel and roll up the hose when complete.
4. Common Areas: Respect common areas and pathways; keep them clear and accessible.
 - a. No structures or installations without prior approval. Max 36" growing supports are allowed
 - b. No pets inside garden area.
 - c. Children must be supervised at all times.
 - d. Smoking/e-cigarettes not permitted inside garden area.
 - e. Access to tool shed will be permitted after payment. Feel free to use the tools provided and return them to the place you found them. Make sure to lock the shed when you are done. Report any broken tools to the committee for replacement.
5. Harvesting: Harvest only from your assigned box. Be considerate of others; share surplus produce with the community or Good Neighbours Food Centre.
6. Communication: Stay connected through community meetings and online platforms @hepburncommunitygardens to find out about special events, workshops, volunteer opportunities, etc. that may be happening throughout the season.

Report any concerns or suggestions to the Community Garden Contacts (Leanne: 306-220-9566; Emily: 604-764-6405).

**Washroom facilities located at Heritage Common in the Atrium (during office hours) or the portable toilets close to the arena or ball diamonds.

Garden Box Rental Agreement - 2024



1. This agreement is between:

a. Hepburn Community Gardens

Box 217 Hepburn, SK, S0K 1Z0

Contacts:

Emily Cameron 604-764-6405 / Leanne Thiessen 306-220-9566

e-transfers accepted at hepburncommunitygardens@gmail.com

-and-

b. Lessee(s)

Name(s)

Raised Garden Box cost: \$35 Assigned box #: _____

2. Lessee's mailing address: _____

Lessee's phone number: _____

E-mail: _____

Next of Kin: _____ Ph #: _____

Note: Payment and this form are due prior to planting. Please complete this form and email to hepburncommunitygardens@gmail.com, mail to above address or drop off at Hepburn Town Office.

*Terms of Agreement: I have read and understand the attached agreement regarding the garden terms and conditions. I understand that failure to adhere to the abovementioned guidelines may result in termination of my plot.

*Acknowledgment of Risks: I, the undersigned participant in the Hepburn Community Gardens, hereby acknowledge that gardening activities involve certain inherent risks. These risks may include, but are not limited to, personal injury, property damage, and exposure to outdoor elements. I understand that it is my responsibility to follow safe gardening practices and adhere to the guidelines set by the community garden.

*Release and Waiver of Liability: In consideration for being permitted to participate in the community garden activities, I voluntarily assume all risks associated with my involvement. I release and discharge Hepburn Community Gardens and its organizers, volunteers, and sponsors from any and all claims, liabilities, or causes of action arising out of or related to my participation in the community garden. I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Town of Hepburn, its organizers, volunteers, and sponsors from any loss, liability, damage, or cost they may incur arising out of my participation.

*Medical Authorization: In the event of an emergency, I authorize community garden organizers to seek medical attention on my behalf. I understand that I am responsible for any medical expenses incurred.

yes no *Photography Release: I grant permission for Hepburn Community Gardens to use photographs or videos of me engaged in community garden activities for promotional or informational purposes.

*I have read and understand this waiver and release of liability. I am voluntarily signing it with the knowledge that it contains legal consequences and I agree to be bound by its terms.

Participant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (if participant is a minor): _____ Date: _____