

# BETHEL COMMUNITY GARDEN



## Gathering, Growing and Going



*Guidelines 2011*

*Welcome! We hope that you will enjoy your time in this green space and experience an abundant harvest. To ensure a positive experience for each participant, these guidelines must be understood and followed:*

- ❖ There is ample parking in our parking lot so we ask that you refrain from driving/parking on the grass or in the disability parking spots.
- ❖ Container gardening for those with disabilities is available.
- ❖ Garden access hours are from 6 AM until 9 PM. Please respect church worship hours by refraining from gardening from 9:30-11am on Sundays and during other church events like funerals and weddings.
- ❖ Well water and water barrels are provided by Bethel Church. Please make sure taps are turned off when you have finished watering your garden. We are on a well system— please use water conservatively.
- ❖ The law says no pesticides are allowed! Do not use any commercial weed killers. An organic weed and insect remedy can be prepared by mixing: 4 cups (1 litre) white vinegar, ¼ cup (50 ml) salt & 2 tablespoons (30 ml) liquid dish soap. Spray onto weeds or insects, but be careful not to spray on your plants!
- ❖ Plant only in your plot area.
- ❖ A small composting area is provided for garden waste. Do not use this for dog refuse or home compost.
- ❖ Respect the neighbor living in the area surrounding church property and keep noise to a minimum (no car radios).

- ❖ Respect the space of other gardeners.
- ❖ Please bring, use and take home your own gardening tools.
- ❖ Please plant garden plants only -- trees and bushes are not permitted. Noxious plants, also known as invasive species (or weeds,) are not permitted. If in doubt, ask before you plant.
- ❖ Keep your plot as tidy as possible during the season. If you are having difficulty keeping up with your garden, let us know!
- ❖ Clean up your plot at the end of the season, removing wire, string, plant stakes, trellises, poles, cages and all plant debris. If you desire to plant perennials and garden in the same plot next year, please make arrangements with the Bethel Community Garden administrators.
- ❖ Alcohol consumption is not permitted on church property.
- ❖ Bathroom facilities are not available.
- ❖ Well-behaved pets are welcome, but must be on a leash. Please pick up refuse and take it home with you as per the Hamilton By-Laws.
- ❖ The house next to the church is not the manse – please do not knock on the door. If you need help and the church is locked, called 905-689-7796 and leave a message. We'll get back to you as soon as possible.
- ❖ A donation of \$25 is suggested for each plot. Plots will be assigned after the registration deadline of May 1.

**Thank you and happy growing!!**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree to the Bethel Community Garden Guidelines and will abide by them.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_