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Paintearth Community Garden

This year the Environmental Services Department will have a community garden again for 2024. There was a lot of compaction issues and the soil had solonetzic properties so in the fall of 2022 the County brought in sand and compost among other things. In 2023 the County did not charge for the plots as it was a trial to see how the garden would do and I'm happy to report that the soil was much better, and the garden did exceptional.

The garden is almost ready now and those who want a plot are asked to fill out the form and drop it off at the administration office by May 10th or they can call Jeff Cosens, Director of Environmental Services. The County will provide the garden with water via drip irrigation the same as before. All preseason tilling has been completed and will mark out all plots prior to planting. The County is not responsible for any loss or damages.

Community Garden Agreement

The gardener agrees to abide by the following guidelines:

Who Can Apply?

- Anyone within the boundaries of the County of Paintearth including the Towns of Castor and Coronation and the Village of Halkirk.
- Garden plots are reserved on a first come, first served basis. Requests for a second plot (if available) will be allocated after.
- Garden plots are assigned to one person only and are not transferable. Others may garden at your site, but the responsibility for payment of fees, cleanup and other duties at the site will be the responsibility of the individual whose name is assigned to the plot.
- Payment of \$20.00 per plot/row must be included with the application form.

Planting

- NO planting will be allowed until ALL plots are staked and numbered.
- Garden plots cannot not be expanded or changed.
- The garden plots will be available May 15th and the planting deadline is May 31st. Plots that are unplanted by the planting deadline are assumed abandoned. Plots not planted will be reassigned.
- The assigned garden plots have been established with access paths between them to provide access for all gardeners (approximately 4' wide).
- Gardeners must maintain plots (including adjacent aisles) throughout the growing season (at least once a week).
- Gardeners who do not maintain their plots will not be eligible for a plot in the following year.
- Place all vegetation in the provided compost bins. Diseased plants or suspected diseased plants must not be included in the compost. The plants must be bagged and disposed of as trash. There are no garbage bins at the site, so please take your garbage home with you.
- Gardeners must arrange for someone to maintain the plot if away for an extended period.

- If your plot becomes unkept, I understand that I will be given 2 weeks' notice by email, phone or mailing address to clean it up. At that time, it will be re-assigned or tilled under, and any produce will be donated to charity.
- Be respectful of the other member's plots by picking only what is yours unless you have been given permission to do so.
- Garden plots must be completely vacated by Saturday, October 1st. At the end of the season, all dead plants and weeds must be removed. If your garden is not cleared, you will not be eligible for a plot the next season.

Water

- Water will be provided at no charge as per needed or approximately one inch per week.

Weed & Pest Control

- Use of pesticides, herbicides, fungicides, fertilizers, or rodenticides is strictly PROHIBITED.
- The use of plastic and other non-porous materials for groundcover is prohibited.
- Grass and straw are great mulches and may be used in the plots or paths. Please do not add quack grass, or weeds that have gone to seed. This is considered trash.

What Can Be Planted

- Annual produce, plants, or flowers only.
- No invasive plants. Check out the website for a list of invasive plants.
<https://www.abinvasives.ca/invasive-plants/>
- The height of any structure cannot exceed 5 feet and may not be permanent.
- Do not plant trees or shrubs. These plants are perennial and not allowed.
- Be respectful, tall crops (such as sunflowers and corn), structures, etc. should be planted to not shade another garden.
- Plant supporting structures may be used i.e., netting, tomato cages, or chicken wire for climbing plants but must be removed after harvest.

Pets

- No pets permitted in the garden area.

Parking

- Parking is permitted by the Crowfoot Reservoir if it doesn't interfere with truck traffic going in and out of the reservoir (keep to the right). You may also park in the County's parking lot after hours (working hours are from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm).

Safety & Security

- Children are welcome in the garden area with adult supervision.
- Acquaint yourself with your garden neighbors.
- Report any theft or vandalism to the County of Paintearth.
- No Smoking, vaping, drinking alcohol, or the use of illegal drugs is permitted in any part of the community garden.

Photos

- The community garden is a public place and therefore photos may be taken by the public.
- The County may also take photos and use them for marketing purposes. If you do not wish your photos to be used, please notify the County office.

WAIVER OF LIABILITY

I understand that that the County is not responsible for my actions. I therefore agree to hold harmless the County for any liability, damage, loss or claim that occurs in connection with the use of the garden by myself or guests.

I, (print name) _____ have read and agree to abide by the guidelines.

Signature

Date

Address

Email

Home Phone #

Cell #