



GPCG Guidelines and Responsibilities for All Members

Where seeds are planted, community grows.

1. Overview

This document provides Gorge Park Community Gardens' (GPCG) members with the background information and regulations they need to be part of the GPCG community. *Members are asked to indicate they have read this document prior to signing their membership agreement form.*

We want to ensure GPCG is a friendly and well-run organization and the site is tidy, welcoming, and well maintained. In order to make this happen, members are expected to work collaboratively on task teams. They are also encouraged to keep on top of policy updates and notices and, when possible, attend meetings and gatherings in order to have a voice in decisions affecting the Gardens.

If any clarification is needed around the content of this document, please don't hesitate to send questions to the GPCG Coordinators or Site Manager(s) at gorgegardens@gmail.com.

Note: Please refer to the *GPCG Covid Safety Plan* for temporary COVID protocols in place relating to shed access and other site-specific safety procedures. These procedures override procedures described in the *Guidelines* and will remain in place until Saanich and Provincial Health Authorities determine that the threat of COVID is no longer be a concern.

2. Governance

The Gorge Park Community Gardens is the result of a collaboration between the members and Coordinators of the Gardens, the neighbourhood Gorge Tillicum Community Association (GTCA) Board of Directors, and the District of Saanich. We are guided by Saanich policies and bylaws and, until December 31, 2021, an agreement between Saanich and the Community Association wherein the Gardens is understood to be a project of the GTCA. We also take direction from the environmental partnership entered into between the GTCA and the Capital Regional District early in the Gardens' history. What we can and cannot do on the site is determined by these relationships.

Note: As of January 1, 2022, the GPCG will be cease as a project under the auspices of the GTCA. A Transition Team is being formed that will explore options for how the Gardens might be re-configured, including determining Saanich requirements and looking at other community gardens to come up with an efficient model. Until that time, the Gardens will continue under the oversight of the Gorge Tillicum Community Association (GTCA) and these *Guidelines* will remain in place. In whatever form the Gardens takes in 2021, it will continue to report to and take direction from Saanich, in whose park the Gorge Park Community Gardens resides.



GPCG Guidelines and Responsibilities for All Members

3. Insurance

Third-party insurance coverage for GPCG activities is provided through the GTCA's policy. However, the GPCG, GTCA, and Saanich are not responsible for loss or damage to any plants, crops, structures, tools, or personal property within the garden site, nor are they liable for any injuries sustained by those participating in GPCG activities.

4. Membership

A membership in the GPCG is available to anyone 19 years of age or older who resides in Saanich or other area municipalities. Anyone between 15 through 18 years of age is welcome to join the Gardens but must have an adult (19 years or older) co-sign their membership agreement.

Although everyone is welcome to voice their opinion about the Gardens' operation, only members can vote at the AGM or at other Gardeners' meetings.

While it is required to be a member of the GPCG to rent an allotment, individuals can hold a membership without having a plot. This allows people who may or may not have garden space elsewhere to become part of the Gardens' community, care for the Gardens' commons areas, and support the Gardens' growth as a neighbourhood resource.

a) Fees

- Memberships run from January 1st to December 31st and can be renewed annually. **Allment fees are due by February 15th each year.** (If paid by cheque, it must be made **payable to "Gorge Tillicum Community Association"**.)
- Membership and allotment fees are re-assessed each year by the GPCG Coordinators, with fee changes determined by the the budget and voted on at the AGM. Allotment and membership fees cover only basic GPCG operating expenses -- water, toilet rental, insurance, office supplies, printing costs, website, basic garden supplies and maintenance, etc. Fundraising events, grants, donations, sponsorships, and other forms of income are required to pay site development costs and emergency expenses.
- A person who becomes a member part way through the year will pay the full year's membership fee.
- A person who relinquishes or loses their membership before the end of the year will not have their membership fees refunded.
- If funds are available, applicants who express a need will be offered financial assistance towards the cost of the membership fee.



GPCG Guidelines and Responsibilities for All Members

b) Member Commitment

- All members – new and returning – are expected to regularly check their email for communications and policy updates sent by GPCG Coordinators and Site Managers from the GPCG email address gorgegardens@gmail.com. Please let us know if you do not have access to email and we will make arrangements to contact you by telephone or mail.
- All new members are required to participate in an on-site orientation shortly after they join GPCG.
- Members are encouraged to attend meetings, in particular the AGM.
- All members are expected to assist with the operation and maintenance of the GPCG by taking part in on-site and/or management task teams, thus sharing and lightening the workload for everyone. The tasks available are listed in the *GPCG Task Teams Overview* and members sign up on the *Membership/Allotment Agreement Form*.

c) Communication between Members

There are two ways GPCG members can contact each other (on matters relating to the Gardens only):

- The Gardens has a **group email list**, hosted by Google Groups, that members can use to send a notice to all other Gardens members. Members are automatically added to this list when they join the Gardens. To send an email to all members of the Gardens use the following address: (gorge_park_community_gardens@googlegroups.com).
- Member communication through the GPCG group email list (gorge_park_community_gardens@googlegroups.com) *does* display the email address of the sender but *does not* show the email addresses of the recipients of the email.
- A printable **Member Contact List** with basic contact information and, if applicable, a plot number is distributed to members early in the growing season. The *Membership / Allotment Agreement Form* asks what information members would like included here. This can be used as a look-up tool allowing members to contact other members directly, on matters related to the Gardens.

5. Publicity and Confidentiality

Coordinators and Site Managers will use the personal information collected on the *Membership / Allotment Agreement Form* only for matters related to Gardens operations. *Membership / Allotment Agreement Forms* will be held for two years and then shredded.



GPCG Guidelines and Responsibilities for All Members

Coordinators and Site Managers communicate with members using the gorgegardens@gmail.com email address. When emails are sent to the entire membership, every attempt will be made to use blind carbon copy (BCC) to ensure individual email addresses are not visible to the entire group.

Since the Gardens are on public land, anyone has the right to take photos without permission. Photos taken by the GPCG in which members appear – both on-site and off-site – may be used by GPCG for media purposes and on the GPCG website or appear on Facebook or Twitter. Members not wanting their photos used in this (or any other) official manner indicate their choice when they complete the *Membership / Allotment Agreement Form*.

GPCG is required, through the agreement entered into between Saanich and the GTCA, to submit a list of officers (in our case, the Coordinators) and their addresses in our annual report to Saanich.

6. Leasing an Allotment Plot

If you are a member who is also renting an allotment plot:

a) Fees

- Allotment leases run from January 1st to December 31st of each year and must be renewed annually.
- The allotment fee is determined by plot size. The amount charged is re-assessed annually by the GPCG Coordinators, with rate changes determined by the budget and changes voted on by members at the AGM. (The fee in 2021 is \$0.85 per sq. foot.)
- Allotment fees are due by **February 15th** of each year. (Cheques are payable to “Gorge Tillicum Community Association”). Plots not paid for by **March 1st** will be considered vacant and offered to others to rent. There will be NO exceptions to this unless the member has made prior alternative arrangements with the Coordinators.
- Renters who relinquish or otherwise lose their rental status before the end of the year will not have their fees refunded. (This will help offset the time spent to find new renters and, possibly, perform clean up or maintenance on that plot.)
- New renters obtaining a plot after **May 31st** can request to have their rent prorated, with the amount charged based on the number of full months left in the calendar year.
- If funds are available, applicants who express a need will be offered financial assistance with plot rent.



GPCG Guidelines and Responsibilities for All Members

b) Plot Allocation, Lease, Renewal, and Termination

i) Allotment Waiting List

- GPCG maintains a waiting list of applicants who wish to rent a plot. Applicants are listed chronologically in the order that their request was received.
- A GPCG membership is not required to be placed on the allotment waiting list. People on the list are welcome to apply for GPCG membership and become involved in the Gardens prior to being assigned a plot, but there is no requirement to do so. However, once a plot becomes available to you, you will need to become a member to lease it.

ii) Allotment Leases

- Only one plot can be held by members of a single household (i.e., one plot per address).
- A plot may be tended with others and families are welcome. The primary person responsible for the plot is known as the **Renter**. The Renter may tend the plot alone or with one **Sharer** and/or one or more **Helper(s)**. A Sharer is eligible to take over the plot if the Renter relinquishes it but must currently be a member and have been a member for at least one full year. A Sharer must pay membership fees and complete their own *Membership / Allotment Agreement Form*. A Helper is not required to be a GPCG member and cannot take over the plot.

iii) Accessible Plots

- The GPCG does have a number of accessible plots. Although every effort is made to match Renters to the type of plot they need, the goal is to have all plots leased at all times. If there are no suitable plots available when someone's name comes up on the list, that person can remain on the list until the type of plot they need becomes available.

iv) Plot Renewal

- People currently renting a plot are given the option of renewing their leases each year, providing they are members in good standing. For the purposes of planning for the following year, all plot holders will be asked in the Fall what their rental intentions are for the following year.
- Prior to the allocation of unleased plots to people on the waiting list, current Renters will be asked if they wish to move to an empty plot. If two or more current Renters request the same plot, the person who first applied to be on the Allotment Waiting List will be awarded the plot.



GPCG Guidelines and Responsibilities for All Members

v) Giving Up a Plot

- Renters who wish to *permanently* give up their plot can formally transfer the plot to their Sharer (if they have one), who then becomes a Renter -- provided that the Sharer has been a Sharer (and a member) for at least a year. If they do not have a Sharer, the plot becomes vacant and is reassigned.
- If a Renter is *temporarily* unable to tend their plot (due, for example, to substantial changes in their personal affairs), they have two options:
 - A)** They can arrange with their Sharer or Helper to care for the plot until the Renter can return, notifying Site Managers of the change. (Note: such an arrangement can only be for the remainder of the gardening year. If the Renter is still not able to participate in caring for their plot at the time of renewal, they must give up their plot or transfer it to their Sharer -- if the Sharer wishes to take it over and provided that the Sharer has been a Sharer, and a member, for at least a year.)
 - B)** The Renter can give up their plot, returning to the allotment waiting list in the same relative position they held when they originally went on the list – i.e., according to their date of first contact. This would allow them to rent an allotment once again (although a different one) without having to wait too long. (This would be the equivalent of taking a "leave" from the garden.)
- Upon expiration or termination of a lease (for whatever reason), Renters must return plots to GPCG in a clean, plant-free state – unless another agreement has been made with the Site Managers.

7. Gardening Practices and Site Aesthetics

GPCG is located within shared and public municipal park space and therefore the appearance and safety of the site must be a consideration at all times. Organic gardening practices must also be used in order to preserve the Gardens' biodiversity and to protect the surrounding park and adjacent waterway.

While decisions regarding the use (or removal) of certain plants, materials, or structures are usually made through consultation at Coordinating Meetings, it is also possible that the GTCA or the District of Saanich will request the removal of certain items.

a) Allotment Structures and Materials

- Gardeners are expected to minimize or avoid the use of **plastic items**. (Exceptions include rigid plastic fencing material that may be temporarily used to surround an allotment or to support plants such



GPCG Guidelines and Responsibilities for All Members

as peas or unobtrusive plastic containers at ground level or buried for slow-release irrigation or for combatting slugs or earwigs.)

- Plot numbers and “Do Not Pick” signs must be visible and left in position at all times as their presence helps distinguish allotment plots from commons areas.
- The wooden frames that surround plots may not be painted or defaced – although small decorative items may be attached to them in accordance with the preference for limited or no plastic on the site.
- Small garden structures such as trellises and low row covers are allowed if they are well-designed, firmly secured, and do not encroach on paths or community spaces, or block sunlight from reaching neighbouring plots. Trellis structures and plant supports must not exceed 6 feet (1.8 meters), measured from the soil level of the bed.
- Only structural materials consistent with organic gardening practices can be used in the garden – i.e. no treated lumber, tires, roof shingles, etc.
- Glass cannot be used in the Gardens and any rough ends (e.g., rebar or other metal stakes) or sharp edges must be capped or covered with unobtrusive plastic caps or tape. Gardeners are asked to help keep the site free of tripping hazards and report any safety concerns to the Site Managers.
- In order to keep the site looking tidy, items not actively in use – stakes, row cover material, empty pots, etc – should be taken home (if they are personal) or stored in the shed (if they are communally owned.)
- Gardeners who wish to do so may erect temporary, removable barriers around their individual allotment plots to help deter produce loss through animal (deer, raccoon, squirrel, rabbit, etc.) and/or human agents.
- The temporary, removable fencing installed belongs to the plot holder and should be removed when cleaning up a relinquished allotment, or it may be left for the new renter, as long as the new renter says they would like it. (This conversation can be negotiated through the Site Manager).
- Barriers placed around beds must be tidy, safe, and securely installed and, as much as is possible, be consistent in both look and construction across the site in order to maintain a tidy and relatively uniform appearance.

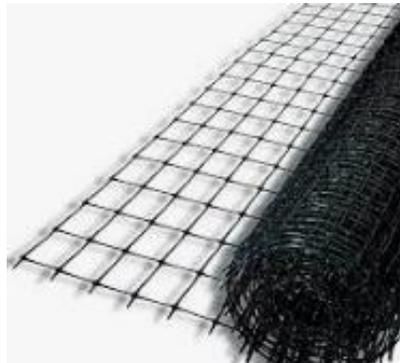
GPCG Guidelines and Responsibilities for All Members

- Material often known as ‘*bird netting*’ is flimsy and can entrap and wound struggling birds and other wildlife. Such material is therefore not permitted for use in the Gardens, either for use inside beds as a trellis or as a barrier around a plot to deter produce loss.



(Netting – do not use)

- More rigid plastic material (often referred to as *deer fencing*) is permitted. This is typically sold in rolls; black is the preferred colour as this is less intrusive visually. No metal or galvanized materials can be used as a barrier around allotments (for example, chicken wire).



- Wood 2” x 2” stakes or sturdy 1” bamboo poles are to be securely mounted to the allotment beds and used to affix fencing materials, with clips or other closures in place that allow access to the plot.
- Determining the proper height of barriers and ensuring neighbouring beds are not impacted by what is built will require conversations and cooperation between the gardeners and the Site Managers

b) Plot Maintenance

- Because GPCG is located within a public park, the produce and flowers grown in the gardens cannot be sold or offered for sale – unless they are contributions to a GPCG fundraiser.



GPCG Guidelines and Responsibilities for All Members

- In order to prevent the spread of invasive plants within the Gardens and into the rest of the park, members are supplied with a list of plants that are not to be grown or that must be grown under controlled conditions. Site Managers may ask for the removal of these and other plants not on the list if they are deemed to be, or have the potential to become, nuisance plants.
- Marijuana plants may not be grown in allotment or commons beds
- Allotment holders are asked to stop any plants from cascading over the sides of their beds and encroaching on or blocking the paths around their assigned plot. They are, instead, encouraged to prune their plants or use trellises, stakes, string, and other means to keep plants within plot boundaries. Gardeners are also asked to ensure that the plants in their bed are not transferred to other beds by seed, roots, or runners. They are expected to weed the plants around their allotment bed regularly and, rather than adding weedy material or materials with seeds to the compost, to place them in bags located behind the shed that are taken regularly to the Saanich yard.
- Non-edible plants should not exceed 20% of an allotment plot's total area and must not be considered invasive or have aggressive root systems.
- Within allotment plots, bushes and other plantings (such as corn or sunflowers) must not exceed 6 feet (1.8 metres) in height, measured from soil level, so as not to shade neighbouring plots.
- Only organic, non-synthetic pesticides, fungicides, and herbicides should be used in the Gardens and GMO plants or seeds should be avoided. (Slug bait containing ferrous phosphate is acceptable when necessary.) Consult other gardeners or a Site Manager if unsure what to use.
- Peat moss is to be avoided in the Gardens (peatlands store soil carbon and their harvest releases carbon dioxide into the atmosphere and destroys the wetland).
- Any soil, mulches, soil amendments, etc., must generally be considered appropriate for use in organic gardening (e.g., seaweed, composted manures, leaf mulch, grass clippings from untreated lawns, etc.) and must not have an offensive odour. Insofar as possible, potentially smelly soil amendments such as seaweed and manure should be spread between November and March (and then covered with leaf mulch) or dug in immediately.
- Problem insects and weed infestations must be dealt with as quickly as possible to prevent spread to other garden beds.



GPCG Guidelines and Responsibilities for All Members

- Cultivation on the site must be done using hand tools only, with exceptions possible during major renovations or installations within common areas.
- Plots must be tidied and prepared for winter, preferably by mulching, planting cover crops, and/or growing winter crops.
- Site Manager(s) will contact allotment holders whose plots are noticeably uncared for to determine how any issues might be resolved.
- GPCG and the GTCA are not responsible for loss or damage to plants, crops, or personal property within the garden site.

8. Water

Please conserve water by not watering during the hottest part of the day, if possible, and by using mulches to reduce evaporation, not spilling water onto the paths, and being conscious of water use.

Water plants in allotment beds by hand only – i.e. there can be no use of mechanical sprinklers, soaker hoses, drip lines or unattended hoses. Apply water close to the soil to avoid spraying the leaves of plants in your own or neighbours' plots. Overspray wastes water, can cause sunburn on the leaves, and may spread disease.

Plants in commons areas are, in most cases, watered by a drip irrigation system operated by timer-controlled switches. Please avoid watering these areas unless it's one of your Task Team's responsibilities or you have been asked to do so by a Site Manager. (If extra water is applied we will not be able to monitor the effectiveness of the irrigation system.)

Hoses must be disconnected after use, drained outside, coiled and then safely stored in the shed. Ensure that the covers of the in-ground irrigation boxes are replaced properly when not in use.

To inhibit mosquito breeding, avoid leaving any standing water onsite. (Or, in the case of water left for birds and dogs, change the water frequently.)

9. Common Areas and Shared Resources

a) General Courtesy

- Please ensure that the guests you bring to the Gardens, including children, are introduced to the sharing garden and commons areas where light harvesting is permitted.
- Pets are allowed in the garden if they are kept under effective control. Pet owners are responsible for cleaning up and removing their pet's



GPCG Guidelines and Responsibilities for All Members

excrement from the gardens. Note: Pet waste must not be added to the toilet as the facility will not process animal excrement.

- Please be respectful and courteous of other people's fear of dogs or other pets.
- Please refrain from working in, interfering with or harvesting from another member's allotment plot without express permission from that plot holder.
- Gas and briquette cooking is not allowed on site except by special permit.
- In keeping with CRD bylaws, smoking is not permitted on the Gardens site.

b) Storage Shed and Washroom

Note: Please refer to the *GPCG COVID Safety Plan* posted at the entrance to the shed for the latest protocols relating to shed access and other safety protocols for the site. Please note also that the portable washroom at the Gardens has been removed while COVID remains a concern.

- All members are provided with the code required to unlock the shed. This code will be changed periodically and must not be shared with non-members. While the shed door is open, reattach the lock to the loop and scramble the code, thereby hiding the code from passers-by. If the door resists closing properly, sweep the gravel off the doorstep before closing it.
- Tools and garden materials stored in the shed will be considered available for use by other gardeners. The exceptions to this are tools designated for specific use by people with mobility challenges, items set aside for use in commons areas, or labelled supplies being stored for projects on site.
- When equipment is no longer being used, it should be cleaned and returned to its proper place. Damaged or missing items should be reported to a Site Manager.
- Unless another gardener on site verbally commits to locking the shed, it is your responsibility to leave it locked -- with the code scrambled -- when you leave.
- The washroom is left unlocked as a service to the general public.



GPCG Guidelines and Responsibilities for All Members

c) Compost Bins, Garbage and Recycling

- Recycling and garbage services are not available at the gardens. Please take away and dispose of any such items that you find or bring with you to the site. (“Pack it in/pack it out”)
- Composting bins are provided to recycle the unwanted plant materials and produce from allotment beds or from the commons areas. Materials from off site should not be added to these bins, with the exception of manure and other compost ingredients added by the Compost Team. (The resulting finished compost will be used initially on commons beds and then be made available for allotment beds, if the amount produced allows.)
- Non-diseased plant material can also be chopped up into small pieces and left on top of the soil in beds as “chop and drop mulch”, but rotting fruit or vegetables must be buried or taken to the compost bin.
- Weeds or materials with seed heads are not to be placed in the compost. They should, instead, be placed in the plastic bags behind the shed that are taken regularly to the Saanich yard.
- Burning is not permitted on the site at any time.

10. Garden Access: Vehicles and Hours

- There is no vehicle access along the paths surrounding the Gardens site, or within the site itself, except for bicycles, mobility scooters and wheelchairs. (Vehicles belonging to Saanich Parks, emergency services, and the portable toilet provider use the surrounding pathways – as do contractors, Coordinators, and Site Manager(s) when delivering materials to the site.)
- The closest off-street parking is in the Gorge Park parking lot opposite Orillia Street.
- As per the GTCA agreement with Saanich, GPCG members agree not to use the Gardens for GPCG-related activities between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. – unless prior written permission from Saanich has been provided.

11. Safety and Security

In order to minimize conflict and increase personal safety in and around the Gardens:

- Consider:
 - Keeping a cell phone with you while working in the Gardens



GPCG Guidelines and Responsibilities for All Members

- Carrying a small flashlight with you if you'll be in the Gardens at dusk or at night
- Gardening with others (keeping an eye on each other) and/or letting someone know you'll be going to the Gardens
- Staying aware of what is going on around you.
- When interacting with non-members:
 - Think about encounters on or near the site as potential opportunities to build relationships
 - If you choose to interact, do so in a calm, easy manner – starting with a friendly greeting. This may be followed up by sharing some information about GPCG or whatever else comes up.
 - Avoid arguments or personal confrontations -- including asking people to stop smoking or drinking -- unless it can be done in a non-confrontational manner
 - If at any point you feel unsafe in the presence of someone in or near the Gardens, leave the site – even if it means leaving the shed unlocked. (If it's appropriate, you could report the incident to Saanich Police when you are safely able to do so.)
- Regarding public harvesting, in particular:
 - Members of the wider public are welcome to pick produce from the commons beds only -- fruit, berries, vegetables, and herbs. Flowers, other than those that are edible, may not be picked.
 - As to how much, the guideline remains: “Nibble lightly. Pick one, a handful, or a taste. Leave some for others to enjoy.”
 - As gardeners, we have a choice whether or not to engage with members of the public who pick produce in the Gardens
 - If you choose to engage with people on the matter of harvesting, please do so gently and respectfully (starting with a welcoming greeting); again, do not engage if it will make you feel at risk or you are not comfortable doing so
 - If the response to your engagement is disrespectful (or the person responds in an agitated or aggressive manner), step back from the conversation. Please let the coordinators know about the interaction so that we can (at a minimum) keep a record of it and, if we think it's necessary, proceed with follow-up actions.



GPCG Guidelines and Responsibilities for All Members

12. Problem Resolution Overview

This section reflects our commitment to resolve interpersonal issues in the Gardens in as consistent and transparent a manner as possible and to make sure everyone is treated fairly and with respect. It also shows our understanding that the privacy of all parties involved in a dispute process needs to be maintained.

i) Interpersonal Issues

- When an issue relating to the Gardens arises that generates disagreement between members, the first step expected would be for those members to have a conversation between themselves and come up with a solution. If the matter remains unresolved and interferes with one or more members' enjoyment of the Gardens, a Coordinator or Site Manager may be asked to help all sides find a solution or compromise.
- If members have any concerns with the administration of the Gardens it is our hope that they will feel comfortable bringing these forward to the Coordinators or the Site Manager(s) for discussion. If the points raised result in conflicts that cannot be resolved internally, the assistance of the GTCA Board will be requested.

ii) Failure to Comply with Gardens' Policies and Procedures

If an issue arises that results from a member's failure to comply with Gardens policies and procedures, the following steps will be taken:

- A Site Manager or Coordinator will talk to the member(s), indicating how their action or behaviour doesn't fit with a specific operating guideline and attempt to resolve the issue through discussion. It is intended that this will allow all sides of an issue to be heard and lead to a resolution.
- Should the conversation not resolve the matter, it will be discussed by the Coordinators and Site Manager(s) and next steps will be decided. The actions taken might include having the Coordinators notify the relevant member(s) in writing of the concerns that are being addressed. The message would clearly indicate the nature of the problem and specify any remedial actions to be taken.
- If a member fails to make the required changes, a second notice from the Coordinators would be sent, warning that they could potentially lose their allotment lease and/or membership should the problem not be remedied within a specific time frame.
- Should the problem persist, the possible loss of the allotment and/or membership(s) will be addressed during a subsequent Coordinating Meeting.



GPCG Guidelines and Responsibilities for All Members

- If a consensus is reached that the lease(s) and/or membership(s) of the person(s) involved should be terminated, notice of the loss of lease and/or membership will be sent by the Coordinators to those involved by registered letter, sent to the address(es) provided on the *Membership/Allotment Agreement Form*.
- A former member may apply in writing to return as a member or to the allotment waiting list. The request will be addressed at the next Coordinating Meeting and, if the request is approved, the applicant's right to membership will be returned and their name will be added to the end of the waiting list.

iii) Specifics re: Loss of Allotment Lease or Membership

- A Renter who does not care for their plot or follow GPCG guidelines may be asked to surrender their plot and/or forfeit their membership.

A) Failure to Cultivate their Plot

- One of the Coordinators or a Site Managers will attempt to contact Renters whose plots have not been cultivated or planted by **June 1st** in order to determine whether or not the plot has been abandoned. If a Renter cannot be reached by **June 15th**, the Coordinators will declare the plot abandoned and available for reallocation.
- If a Renter who has been contacted continues to not maintain their plot in a manner consistent with GPCG guidelines, the Site Manager(s) will bring the matter to a Coordinating Meeting for further discussion and, possibly, subsequent action, including the loss of their plot or membership.

B) Loss of Membership

- Should a problem arise around a member's conduct or interaction with other members or volunteers, the matter will be brought to the attention of the Coordinators for further discussion.
- Following the process outlined in the "Problem Resolution" section above, the member may forfeit their membership.

13. Feedback

A community garden is a place where individuals come together to build a community while growing food. Welcome to our Gardens! If you have any ideas or questions, please let us know by emailing gorgegardens@gmail.com. You can also find us at:

Facebook: [gorgeparkcommunitygardens](https://www.facebook.com/gorgeparkcommunitygardens)

Twitter: [@gorgegardens](https://twitter.com/gorgegardens)

Webpage: www.gorgegardens.ca