

## WEST PARK COMMUNITY GARDEN CONTRACT 2023

*West Park Community Garden boxes are available on a first come basis. The annual fee must be paid to secure a box. If all boxes are taken, you can be added to a waiting list in case a box becomes available. One box per household only (or two for returning gardeners, at the discretion of the garden manager).*

### **Compliance with Conditions**

The West Park Community Association is the governing authority of the West Park Community Garden located on 58<sup>th</sup> Ave. in West Park. Non-compliance with the rules, terms, and conditions is cause for exclusion from the garden and loss of your garden box. Non-compliance will be addressed as follows:

1. You will receive one verbal warning from the garden coordinator.
2. If no response or correction has been made, you will receive written notice one week later.
3. In another week, if no response or correction has been made, you will receive written final notification that you have forfeited your gardening privileges and box.
4. You will be allowed to reapply for another garden box only after the completion of the growing season and an additional year, and only at the discretion of the garden coordinator.

### **Rules, Terms, and Conditions for Participation**

As a member of the West Park Community Garden (WPCA) I agree to abide by the following rules, terms, and conditions:

1. I use this garden at the sole discretion of the WPCA. I agree to abide by its policies and practices.
2. I use this garden at my own risk. If any produce is damaged or taken without permission I will not hold the WPCA responsible.
3. I will not use any produce from my community garden box for commercial purposes.
4. The fee for the use of the garden is \$20.00 per box plus an additional \$10 deposit, per season (March 31 to October 31), due on or before April 15. There are no refunds. The deposit will be returned after I clean up my garden of all weeds, plant material, and garden stakes, etc. at the end of the season. This must be completed by October 31 to receive the deposit.
5. The garden manager will make his/herself available to return deposits to eligible garden patrons between October 31 and Nov. 30. If a gardener does not make an effort to receive the deposit during this time, it will not be returned; however, the deposit could be carried over to the following year, if the gardener books a plot again.
6. Once I have been assigned a garden box, I will cultivate and plant it. I will garden through the season. No portion of my plot (except for an appropriate space between rows) can be left fallow or unused for any period of three weeks or longer.
7. My garden box is 6 x 12 feet; I will keep all my plants within its limits. I must keep my plot free of weeds, pests, and diseases.
8. I will keep my plot, paths, and surrounding areas clean and neat. I will place refuse and garden waste in a provided compost bin, if it is available. If it is not available or is full, I will remove my garden waste from the West Park Community Garden.
9. If I must abandon my plot for any reason, I will notify the garden coordinator.
10. There may be marked boxes at the garden which are for public use. While anyone in the neighbourhood may care for these boxes, each community gardener will receive a schedule indicating the times that a particular group of garden box patrons will be responsible to care for a public box. I recognize that I will be expected to help weed and water the assigned public box at the indicated times (perhaps a total of 2 weeks over the summer).
11. I will not smoke, drink alcoholic beverages, or use illegal drugs in the garden. I will not come to the garden while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. I will not plant any illegal plant. I will not bring weapons or pets or other animals to the garden.
12. Guests and visitors, including children, may enter the gardening area only if I accompany them. They must follow all rules, terms, and conditions stated here. I will supervise my children at all times when they are in the garden. I am solely responsible for the behaviour of my guests.
13. I will water my plot by either bringing my own water, or, if it's available, by using water from the rain barrel beside the West Park Presbyterian Church (there is no guarantee the rain barrel will contain water).
14. I will not apply any pesticides in the garden.
15. I will not take food or plants from other gardeners' plots. I will not take anything from the garden that is not rightfully mine.
16. I will respect other gardeners, and I will not use abusive or profane language or discriminate against others.
17. I will ask the garden manager for permission before posting any signs about my garden. Wording must be approved as well.
18. I will work to keep the garden a secure and enjoyable place where all participants can garden and socialize peacefully in a neighbourly manner.

**Garden Box Map**

----- 58<sup>th</sup> Ave -----

Box 1	<i>sign</i>
Box 6	Box 7
Box 12	Box 13
Box 18	Box 19
Box 24	Box 25 West Public Box

*path*

Box 2 Flower Box	Box 3	Box 4	Box 5 East Public Box
Box 8	Box 9	Box 10	Box 11
Box 14	Box 15	Box 16	Box 17
Box 20	Box 21	Box 22	Box 23
Box 26	Box 27	Box 28	Box 29

Church

----- "West Park Gardens" greenspace -----

**Commitment:**

I have read and understand the application and accept these rules, terms, and conditions stated above for the participation in the West Park Community Garden.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Requested Box Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ **Gardener**

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ **Garden Manager**

Granted Box Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment: **\$30.00** (incl. \$20 rental fee + \$10 deposit) enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ (*cheques payable to West Park Community Association*)

Mail signed contract with enclosed fee to:

**Garden Manager**  
**West Park Community Association**  
**PO Box 22061 West Park RP0**  
**Red Deer, AB T4N 6X4**