

2020 Community Garden Protocols
For the growing season of 2020
During COVID 19

**ALL PROTOCOLS MUST BE IMPLEMENTED BY COMMUNITY GARDENS
DURING THE 2020 GROWING SEASON.**

1. All Community Gardens will comply with all existing government regulations associated with the COVID-19 virus pandemic. If and when necessary, these Supplemental Protocols will be amended to reflect any new regulations that may come into effect during the 2020 gardening season.
2. All participants are required to confirm by email their acknowledgement that they have read, understand, and agree to follow these Supplemental Protocols. Anyone found in contravention of these new rules may be asked to leave the garden for the season. Gardens will be periodically monitored by staff from the City of Saskatoon and CHEP to ensure protocols are being followed.
3. There will be no “in-person” Spring Start-Up meeting. Normal agenda items will be conveyed by email or using an online video conferencing platform. Garden fees and signed collective agreements should be collected by virtual means (e-transfer, emailed signature) when possible, or by dropping it in a secure location (mailbox) maintaining physical distancing.
4. Signage must be installed at the entrances to all gardens advising participants that:
 - a. If they feel unwell, they are not to enter the garden and are to return home;
 - b. Physical distancing of at least 2m between individuals must always be maintained, with the exception of members of immediate households; and
 - c. It is recommended that gardeners use a non-medical or cloth facemask for their own personal protection.
5. No work bees (e.g. mulch spreading, weeding) or other physical gatherings will be permitted.
- ~~6. A gardening schedule will be developed and implemented. The schedule will state the time and day each gardener will be permitted at the garden and will be limited to ensure that the number of gardeners onsite at any one time does not exceed the current guidelines of maximum 10 people at a time, and that participants are able to maintain appropriate physical distancing.~~

June 12 Update: Current guidelines for gatherings outdoor are set at a maximum of 30 people, as of June 8, 2020. Community gardens will limit the number of gardeners and others at the garden to **a maximum of 30 people at any given time**. Participants are still expected to maintain appropriate physical distancing. When the

number of gardeners exceeds 30 people, the 31st gardener wanting to enter the garden will be required to wait until the 30th gardener leaves before entering.

Given the increase in number of people allowed to attend the garden at one time, a schedule of gardeners is no longer required.

7. Gardens should provide hand-washing stations, if at all possible, and/or hand sanitizer and request that everyone wash their hands before entering the garden and upon exiting.
8. During visits to the garden, registered gardeners may only be accompanied by members of their immediate household (i.e. people they reside with)
9. Young children must not be unattended and are not permitted to operate the water system and are not allowed in the shed.
- ~~10. To reduce the need for individual visits and minimize the need to access to tool boxes and/or storage shed, a multi-plot watering plan will be implemented (e.g. a small, core group will be responsible for all watering). This group will be responsible for regularly sanitizing waste bin, water valve handles, hoses, nozzles and other communal equipment.~~
- ~~11. Access to the shed will be limited to the Garden Committee and the watering group.~~

June 12 Update: A multi-plot watering plan for gardens is no longer required. Individual watering of garden plots will be allowed.

- a) It is recommended that each gardener wear gloves of some kind (work gloves or garden gloves) to provide additional protection for your hands when handling equipment or touching surfaces.
 - b) All Gardeners are required to sanitize all water valve handles, hoses, nozzles, waste bins, shed door handles and locks before and after using them.
12. There will be no sharing of the communal tools for each garden collective. Gardeners will be responsible for bringing their own tools required for maintaining their plot.
 13. All seating areas where individuals can gather are to be removed or closed off.
 - ~~14. If it is necessary to meet another registered gardener from another household at the garden, physical distancing must be practised. Any such visits must receive prior approval of the Garden Collective Coordinator.~~
 15. Gardeners feeling sick, exhibiting any COVID-19 symptoms, under self-isolation, or quarantine due to COVID-19 exposure or travel are not permitted to visit the garden

and must notify the Garden Coordinator. In these cases, gardeners can make arrangements another registered gardener to plant and/or maintain their plot.

16. A “Garden Supervisor” must be on site at all times during the garden’s regular operating hours to monitor and enforce the protocols as outlined.
17. If the severity of the pandemic in Saskatoon increases to the point where these Supplemental Protocols are determined to be inadequate to protect gardeners and the general public, further restrictions may be implemented up to and including shutting down participation entirely.
18. If it is determined that gardens are disallowed, collectives will leave the entire garden to fallow with minimal tilling and weeding and arrangements may be made to cover plots with mulch or compost to reduce weed growth.

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