

# PCSP

## COMMUNITY GARDEN

Welcome to the new and improved Portugal Cove – St. Philip’s Community Garden.

We have 20 raised beds, 4 accessible beds, 2 large Joracan composters, utility shed with some shareable supplies, piped in water supply, improved accessibility, and lots of friendly support.

Here is a map of our garden that shows where everything is. It is located at 1119 Thorburn road behind the Town Hall.

Keys will be available at the Town Hall starting Monday June 19<sup>th</sup>. Office hours are 8:30 – 4:00pm.



## Fees

- \$10 for the growing summer season.
- If you wish to continue to grow over the winter there will be another \$10 charge in November.
- You will need to register again on eServices and pay the fee. You can plant your fall bulbs in time for the summer season.

## Communication/Contact

- Town contact for the Community Garden is Julie Pomeroy Sparrow. Email [julie.pomeroy@pcsp.ca](mailto:julie.pomeroy@pcsp.ca) or call 709-895-8000 ext. 229.
- If there is an issue after business hours please contact our after-hours line at 709-895-8000.
- When gardeners register they submit their emails that Town staff will use to communicate any information needed.
- If gardeners wish and are agreeable we can share email addresses.
- We also have a PCSP Community Garden Facebook page where you can share and ask questions to other gardeners <https://www.facebook.com/groups/717273415742333>

## Gardener Guidelines

- 1) All fees are due upon registration.
- 2) Please keep your garden bed and surrounding areas and paths tended and clear of debris and tools for safety.
- 3) If you plan to discontinue with your garden bed rental please let your Town staff contact know as soon as possible.
- 4) At the end of the gardening season all dead plants and non-plant materials (string, wire, wood, metal, plastic, bed covers, mesh, hoops etc.) must be removed and disposed of properly. All beds must be left neat and tidy.
- 5) Please help us keep this space beautiful and help clean up any litter when you see it.
- 6) Please put weeds and dead plants in the compost bins provided. Any diseased, seedy, or invasive plant material should be discarded in the trash so as not to contaminate any of the garden beds.
- 7) Please respect other gardener's beds by not tampering with them unless asked by the gardener who rented it.
- 8) Please do not leave the water on unattended. When finished gardening for the day please roll up the hose at the faucet area, return tools to the shed and lock both the shed and garden gate before leaving.
- 9) Do not tamper with the construction of the beds.
- 10) Garden implements such as netting, plastic, stakes, etc. are permitted as long as they are safe.
- 11) Pets are allowed so long as they are leashed and do not tamper with the garden in any way. If dogs and pets become a problem they will be prohibited in the future.
- 12) Please supervise children in the garden.
- 13) For safety reasons it is recommended to garden in daylight hours.
- 14) Please report any theft, vandalism, or unusual activities to Town staff as soon as possible.
- 15) Feel free to use decorations (solar lights, gnomes, painted rocks etc.) to personalize your space. It is yours to enjoy for the season.
- 16) Use common curtesy, be considerate of the fact that the garden is a shared space for all ages.

## **Garden Beds**

All of the beds are numbered in the order seen on the map above. Once you register you will be assigned a certain bed number which will be yours for the gardening season.

Note: numbers will be added to the actual beds soon.

All beds are newly built and filled with fresh soil. It is a mix of topsoil, peat, and manure.

## **Access**

All registered gardeners will be given a key.

This key will open the gardener's gate, shed, and compost bin locks (see map above).

Equipment gate is not for the use of gardeners. This is reserved for Town equipment only.

Gardeners will need to come by the Town Hall to pick up their key during business hours Monday – Friday from 8:30 – 4:00. There is a sign in/out sheet.

At the end of the gardening season you will need to return your key.

If you are planning to keep your bed over the winter months there will be another \$10.00 fee in November and you will be able to hold on to your key.

Plan to visit your garden bed a couple of times a week for watering, weeding etc. It also helps to make a friend in case you will be a way and need help watering etc.

## **Information Sessions**

We are planning to have 2 – 3 information sessions during the gardening season.

Please stay tuned to your email for more information on dates and times of these sessions.

## **Shed rules**

- The shed is for the use of all gardeners and Town staff.
- Please keep shed neat, tidy and safe.
- There are some tools there for communal use provided by the Town including watering cans, shovels, shears, and hand tools.
- If you are putting something in the shed and it is not intended to share please write your name on it. Please respect this system and not use items that are not intended to be shared.

## **Composting**

- Composting is the process of converting organic materials (i.e. food, plants, weeds, and yard waste etc.) into nutrient rich compost soil.
- When making compost you need a balance between 'greens' and 'browns'.
- The Joracan composters in the Community Garden are for the use of registered gardeners and their families.
- All users need to help with the composting production.
- Feel free to bring compostable materials from home.

- Wood pellets – We will use soft wood pellets as the main source of ‘browns’ as recommended by the manufacturer.
- When you put in your weeds etc. please also add wood pellets that are found in the shed.
- Rule of thumb is about 10% browns (pellets) to the amount of greens added.
- Close and latch the lid and give the composter a good couple of turns.
- Below is a list of examples for both greens and browns.
- Only one side of the composters will be unlocked and used at a time.
- Once one side is full it will be locked and the other side unlocked for use. While one side is filling, the other side is curing and by the time that side is full, the compost should be ready.

Browns (carbon)	Greens (nitrogen)	Do Not Add
Dry, absorbent, fibrous materials	Fresh, moist materials	Meat products
An essential energy source for decomposer organisms	Fruit and vegetable peels and scraps	Dairy products
Dried leaves & dried untreated grass clippings	Essential for the growth and reproduction of decomposer organisms	Fish, shellfish etc.
Non-diseased plants	Crushed egg shells	Bones
Twigs and small branches	Coffee grounds and filters	Charcoal
Woodchips & sawdust (from untreated wood)	Tea bags and leaves	Pet waste
Paper (newspaper, paper towels, toilet paper rolls and cereal boxes)	Fresh grass clippings	Treated wood
Rice, oats and other grains	Houseplant trimmings	Plants treated with pesticides
Dried corn stalks		
Nut shells (peanut etc.)		
Breads		