



\Stettler Community Gardens – Plot Holder Agreement / Application Form

Section I: What We Do

1. Town of Stettler will provide initial soil preparation and tilling activities to the overall garden area. Initial spring tilling will be performed by the end of April, **ground conditions and weather permitting**.
2. Gardeners are assigned garden plots on a first-come, first-served basis (according to their requested plot size – as much as possible).
3. Available plots will be assigned when application is filled out and payment is made. **Opening dates are subject to ground and weather conditions but will be as close to May long weekend as possible.** Individual plots will be staked and marked prior to the garden opening.
4. The site is rototilled by town staff prior to staking and marking of the plots. Additional rototilling is not provided, however gardeners may rototill their assigned plot area prior to their planting. The amount of time between final rototilling, staking and gardener access varies based on weather, etc.
5. Water tank(s), town compost bin and a selection of garden tools are available for the limited use of the gardeners at most gardens. Please help to maintain access to all tools and equipment through careful and considerate use. **CODE FOR SHED IS 0510.** If tools are broken, please notify the Parks and Leisure Office, to ensure speedy replacement. Please be judicious with water use, as the water tanks have limited capacities and can empty quickly.
6. The Heartland Beautification Committee will cancel this agreement if the gardener does not perform the work within the guidelines indicated.

Section II: What You Do

1. Complete Section III and submit fee (\$5 for 10x10 foot plot or 4x8 foot raised bed plot; \$10 for a 10x22 foot plot; \$20 for a 22x22 foot plot) – **Cash, debit and credit cards**
2. If your contact information changes during the course of the growing season – please email srcadmin@stettler.net
3. You are required to perform maintenance of the assigned garden plot and mulched walkway around your plot, and plot borders. This includes, but is not limited to, planting, watering and weeding. Weedy plots are subject to warning and cancellation.
4. Gardeners with plots that are adjacent to the outer garden edges can assist with maintaining the borders.
5. You are required to respect all Community Garden guidelines that are provided – failure to conform to this requirement may result in forfeiture of the site (current year) and restriction of access in future years.
6. We hope that all gardeners will be active ambassadors and advocates for the sites, including helping people to understand the limitations for public access, how the gardens are run, etc. If you notice that someone is doing something in the gardens that is contrary to the guidelines or behavior, please take the time to talk to them.
7. Questions, concerns or issues should be directed to the Heartland Beautification Committee





Primary Plot Holder _____

Other Applicant(s) _____

Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone Number (home): _____ (work): _____
(cell): _____

ACTIVE EMAIL (encouraged): _____

Signature of Applicant(s): _____

PAST GARDENER?

Size of Plot Required (check one):

NOTE: Limit of 1 plot per family unit – additional plots may be requested and will be allocated based on availability

Raised bed 4 x 8 (\$5)

10x10 (\$5)

10x22 (\$10)

22x22 (\$20)

PLOT NUMBER ASSIGNED:

Garden Location:

Central (by Schools) South (off Hwy 56) North East (NE end of Town)

Application Date: _____

Fee Paid: YES NO





Guidelines for Gardeners

Gardeners are asked to observe the following guidelines in order to work together or next to each other in relative harmony. Please be courteous in all interactions and work together to resolve any disagreements. Questions or concerns should be brought to the Heartland Beautification Committee

1. **NO** planting will be allowed until **ALL** plots are staked and numbered.
2. Garden plots are rented per season.
3. Fruit borders are for everyone
4. Gardeners must stay within plot boundaries and perform regular maintenance of the assigned garden plot and adjacent area (pathways).
5. Water tanks are provided at the edge of the community garden area for use by plot holder gardeners only. **No attachments** (hoses, etc.) are allowed onto the water tanks. **Bucket or water cans only please.** Watering cans are provided for use. Please be judicious in the amount of water that is used, as quantities are limited.
6. Gardeners should ensure that tools are looked after and put back into the garden shed and the shed is **locked after use.**
7. The use of all pesticides, herbicides or DDT/derivatives by plot holders is strictly **PROHIBITED.**
8. Gardeners may use netting, chicken wire or other types of plant supports for climbing or taller plants but these must be removed from the site by **no later than October 1** annually.
9. The use of metal pegs and wire for boundary markings is prohibited. The use of wooden or bamboo stakes is permitted.
10. Gardeners are to dispose of weeds and plant materials in the compost area(s) located at the site.
11. Pets must be leashed and are **NOT** allowed in the garden plots. Please contain pets outside the garden plots. Please 'stoop 'n' scoop' after your pet.
12. Gardeners should complete **ALL** harvesting before **October 1**. The plant tops and other compostable waste should be placed into the compost area(s) or can be spread on the soil surface for incorporation.
13. Access to the garden site is by foot only; vehicles must remain on the street, in designated parking places.
14. Gardeners are requested to notify the Stettler Recreation Centre if they are abandoning their garden plot.
As a plot renter, you are responsible for keeping your area reasonably free of weeds. If you abandon your plot, or if your plot becomes overgrown with dense and/or tall weeds, the plot renter will be notified and if the situation is not rectified in two weeks, Town staff may, at their discretion, rototill the plot under. No refund provided. Gardeners that fail to conform to guidelines or forfeit their plot may not be allowed to rent a plot in future years.
15. The Town of Stettler reserves the right to till any garden plot for the protection of the community (in the event of pest damage, excessive weeds or growth of illegal plant material). No refund provided.
16. The Town of Stettler and the Heartland Beautification Committee will not be held liable for any damages or injury arising out of the work performed.
17. Ambiguity or interpretation of the guidelines falls to the discretion of the Heartland Beautification Committee.