



Blueridge Garden **General Rules and Guidelines**

1. This is an organic garden, employing sustainable gardening practices.
2. Plots are leased for a one-year term that runs from March 15 to March 14.
3. Pick your produce when it is ripe and consider donating any surplus.
4. Pressure treated wood is not to be used in the garden.

Eligibility

Applicants must be residents of, or organizations based in, the District of North Vancouver. Preference will be given to previous Blueridge Garden volunteers and community gardeners who live in the Blueridge and Seymour Heights area.

Allotment

One garden plot is allocated 'as is' per household or group and includes access to water and common space in the garden, including the tool shed.

Process

- notification of available plots is made by the Blueridge Garden Steering Committee
- application deadline is **March 6, 2026**
- gardeners will be notified by March 9, 2026 and payment (\$40 minimum) is due by **March 13, 2026**. If fees are not received by this date the plot will be re-assigned.
- the Garden Manager must be notified within 2 days if the plot will be accepted, otherwise it will be offered to the next person on the wait list
- payment of \$40 for the garden season is to be made by e-transfer, cash or cheque
- cheques are to be made out to "Blueridge Community Association"

Usage

- plots may be tended all year
- for seasonal gardeners, plots must be underway by May 31st and prepared for winter by Nov 1st
- if a gardener is temporarily unable to tend his or her plot, an assistant may be appointed, to a maximum of one year, or the gardener may contact the garden committee and ask for assistance. Gardeners with plots that are unattended, overgrown or not maintained will not be invited to return.

Contents

Gardeners are welcome to grow plants of their choosing, subject to the following restrictions and considerations:

- no plant species deemed invasive (see Appendix A)
- no bird feeders
- no berries, fruit or other known bear attractants
- keep all plants confined to one's plot
- plants should not overhang plot borders or encroach on pathways
- plants should not cause excessive shading of neighbouring plots
- trees are not to be planted in garden plots

Responsibilities

1. Plot maintenance

- Gardeners are to use natural methods to control weeds growing in plots or adjacent pathways and prevent the spread of plant diseases.
- Only organic methods are permitted.
- Help to conserve water by getting to know your plants and the water requirements of each.
- **Do not water neighbouring plots unless asked.**
- Innovative water saving practices are encouraged, such as mulching or shading.

2. Garden Maintenance

- all refuse is to be properly disposed of in the compost bins or recycle bins (on-site if available, or take it home).
- please exercise careful and proper management of the compost bins.
- maintain the cleanliness of tools and the garden shed.
- tools are not to be taken offsite.

3. Participation

As the long term success of a community garden depends on everyone's involvement, all gardeners are expected to:

- sign up for and complete a garden volunteer job
- participate in maintaining the common areas.
- volunteer at scheduled Volunteer Days.
- keep up to date with garden news, issues and events which will be sent via email and posted on Facebook.
- treat other gardeners with respect.

*****The above Blueridge Garden General Rules and Guidelines are subject to be amended from time to time as required.**

Appendix A

PLANTS TO AVOID

Raspberry
Japanese Knotweed (Mexican Bamboo) (*Polygonum cuspidatum*)
Purple Loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*)
Scotch Broom (*Cytisus scoparius*)
Himalayan Blackberry
Baby's Breath (*Gypsophila paniculata*)
English Ivy (*Hedera helix*)
Giant Hogweed (*Heracleum mantegazzianum*)
Oxeye Daisy (*Chrysanthemum leucanthemum*)
Spotted Knapweed (*Centaurea maculosa*)
English Holly (*Ilex Aquifolium*)
Old Man's Beard Clematis (*Clematis vitalba*)
Yellow Archangel (*Lamium galeobdolon*)
Periwinkle (*Vinca minor*)
Policeman's Helmet or Himalayan Balsam (*Impatiens glandulifera*)

ADDITIONAL SPECIES IDENTIFIED IN THE BC WEED CONTROL ACT:

Annual Sowthistle (*Sonchus oleraceus*)
Canada Thistle (*Cirsium arvense*)
Crupina (*Crupina vulgaris*)
Dalmatian Toadflax (*Linaria dalmatica*)
Diffuse Knapweed (*Centaurea diffusa*)
Dodder (*Cuscuta* spp.)
Gorse (*Ulex europaeus*)
Hound's-tongue (*Cynoglossum officinale*)
Jointed Goatgrass (*Aegilops cylindrica*)
Leafy Spurge (*Euphorbia esula*)
Perennial Sowthistle (*Sonchus arvensis*)
Purple Nutsedge (*Cyperus rotundus*)
Rush
Skeletonweed (*Chondrilla juncea*)
Scentless Chamomile (*Matricaria maritima*)
Spotted Knapweed (*Centaurea maculosa*)
Tansy Ragwort (*Senecio jacobaea*)
Velvetleaf (*Abutilon theophrasti*)
Wild Oats (*Avena fatua*)
Yellow Nutsedge (*Cyperus esculentus*)
Yellow Starthistle (*Centaurea solstitialis*)
Yellow Toadflax (*Linaria vulgaris*)