



GARDEN PLOTS

General Terms of Reference

- Use of community garden plots is restricted to Residents (owners/tenants) of units at The Mark.
- Plot Assignees (Gardeners) must be prepared to work together as a community and form a roster of volunteers to maintain the operation of the Compost Unit.
- At the start of a new Gardening Year (see below), all Gardeners are to meet along with a member of the Strata Landscaping & Gardening Committee (SLGC) to identify a volunteer lead liaison to represent all Garden Plot assignees.

Plot Assignment Process

- The plot assignment waitlist will be kept at The Mark Concierge and updated as needed.
- The annual cycle for the cultivation of the Garden Plots (Gardening Year) is from April 1st to March 31st.
- Once a plot has been assigned, active use of the plot must begin within 4 weeks of assignment or the SLGC may revoke the plot assignment and reassign the plot to a Resident at the top of the waiting list. Strata Council will make the final decision for the reassignment of such plot or plots under deliberation.
- The right to retain an assigned garden plot remains in effect only as long as the plot is being actively cultivated, cared for and maintained.
- As a community, all Gardeners are encouraged to report improperly maintained plots, Compost Unit issues, deficient supplies and/or other Garden Plot related issues to the Garden Plots Liaison or the SLGC.
- The SLGC will act directly in conjunction with the Strata Council to reassign any plot or plots that are not being cultivated or cared for as required or are not maintained in the spirit of The Mark's Garden Plots policies.

Fees

- Each unit assigned a garden plot (Assignee) will pay an annual non-refundable fee of \$25 to cover incidental costs related to the upkeep and maintenance of the gardens.
- Assignees interested in renewing their plot assignments may do so, every year, during the month of March by making a non-refundable payment of \$25 to Strata Council (payment will be made at The Mark Concierge). Failure to pay the renewal fee by April 15th will result in the reassignment of your Garden Plot.
- If your Garden Plot is a reassigned plot and it was assigned to you between August 1st to March 31st, you do not need to pay the \$25 Annual Fee until the renewal fees are due for the following Gardening Year (see above).



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- All plot assignees are required to provide their current email addresses and phone numbers (contact information) to The Mark Concierge at the time of plot assignment or reassignment. The onus will be up to each assignee to inform the MARK Concierge if there is any change in the assignee's contact information at any time during the Gardening Year.
- Strata Council will collect, retain and disburse money from this fund per recommendations received from the SLGC. Strata Council may decide to apply extra levies to plot holders to cover the cost of amending soil, replacing garden tools and etc., if found necessary.

General Rules and Regulations

- The growing of illegal plants or invasive plants is strictly prohibited. If you are at all unsure about the species of plant(s) you wish to plant, please consult with the SLGC prior to planting in your plot.
- Plot Assignees (Gardeners) will avoid plants that require a lot of space or plants which tend to sprawl as they grow.
- Gardeners are responsible for maintaining and cleaning up the area within and around their assigned plots during all seasons and in particular during the Fall.
- "Winterization" of ALL garden plots is mandatory and must be completed by November 15th of each year. Failure to do so will result in the withdrawal of the plot assignment to the assignee concerned for reassignment to another potential Gardener.
- Gardeners are expected to obtain a copy of the manufacturer's Compost Unit manual from the Concierge and to keep themselves informed about the feeding and other requirements for the efficient operation of the Compost Unit at the MARK.
- All Gardeners are expected to participate in the day-to-day running of the Compost Unit and in making some contribution of their time during the Garden Year to ensure successful operation of the Compost Unit.
- If you no longer wish to maintain a Garden Plot, please notify The Mark Concierge so that your plot can be reassigned. You must also return the Small Compost Bucket to The Mark Concierge.

Management and Reporting Process

- Throughout the Gardening Year, the SLGC may request updates on the status of garden plots, Compost Unit, supplies and etc., from the Garden Plots Community and/or the Garden Plots Liaison to be reported to the Strata Council.

HAPPY GARDENING ☺