

Members' Agreement

Welcome to the Green Thumb Community Garden

All produce grown in this garden will be donated to the Food Bank at the Orleans-Cumberland Community Resource Centre (OCCRC).

This is the Member's Agreement for 2026, which runs from May 1st 2026 to October 1st 2026.

It is important for the success of our community garden that all members and their guests understand and follow the rules outlined below.

Every member and guest of the Green Thumb Community Garden (GTCG) must read and sign to show their agreement.

The Community Garden aims to provide a safe, community-building and family-friendly space. These rules are not all-encompassing. Please ensure that your behaviour allows for the safe enjoyment of the space by all members.

OCCRC through its Community Development Coordinator or the Anglican Church reserves the right to deny access to any individual or group of individuals who do not comply with this Agreement.

Member Behaviour

I will work cooperatively with other members and respect others' rights and feelings.

I understand that

- I am responsible for my behaviour and that of my household and any individuals I/we bring to the garden;
- any intimidating, threatening, or abusive behaviour toward another member or coordinator may result in losing access to the garden;
- conflicts with other members should be resolved through discussion. If this approach does not resolve the issue, I may ask the OCCRC Community Development Coordinator, in writing, for further investigation and action if required;
- I will ensure that my gardening activities do not interfere with the right of other members to use and enjoy the garden;

- I will access the community garden only during daylight hours.

Garden Maintenance

- I understand that it is important to keep the garden beds and wider site tidy and well-maintained;
- I understand that the Green Thumb Community Garden is a fully organic community garden and I commit to gardening exclusively with organic methods;
- I will not use treated seed, synthetic fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides, fungicides or any other harmful substances. I will seek alternatives to these substances at www.justfood.ca/cgnresources. I will add nutrients back into the soil with materials such as compost and other organic matter.

Garden Equipment

To maintain garden safety and longevity of its equipment, I:

- will put away all shared tools and materials (including hoses) where they belong after I am finished and will close and lock the shed before I leave the garden;
- will not take any equipment off site;
- will store personal items off-site;
- will not leave personal items in communal areas.

Water Use

I understand that water is a valuable resource, and to maintain and conserve the water supply, I will:

- use water sparingly;
- check the weather forecast for rain before watering;
- make sure that the tap is turned off before leaving the garden;
- use water conservation methods including watering at the base of my plants.

Waiver

I acknowledge that I am responsible for my actions and agree to hold harmless the Coordinating Team, garden members, St. Helen's Anglican Church, and the Orleans-Cumberland Community Resource Centre for any liability, damage, loss, or claim that may occur in connection with my use of the site, including that of my household and guests.

By signing below, I confirm that my household agrees to membership for the 2026 growing season and to abide by all guidelines, rules, and conditions outlined in this Member's Agreement.

Name:
Signature
Date:
Email:
Tel:

Thank you for being a part of the Green Thumb Community Garden! Your commitment helps us grow bountiful produce and community spirit.