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**REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO
GARDENING AND CIVIC-MINDEDNESS
COMMUNITY GARDENS**

1. ACCESS TO GARDENS

1.1 ELIGIBILITY

Community gardens are reserved exclusively for residents of Montréal. Priority will be given to residents of the borough.

1.2 ADDRESS

Only one garden plot per street address will be allocated. Family members living at the same address are authorized to use the garden in the presence of the gardener registered with the borough.

1.2.1 Gardeners may not work in more than one garden plot, unless they are designated as the co-gardener, and gardeners may only work in one garden plot.

1.2.2 Gardeners may not assign a garden plot to another person.

1.3 CO-GARDENER

A co-gardener may be appointed. The co-gardener must be identified in the garden file. Gardeners are wholly responsible for the conduct of their co-gardener. The latter must hold a membership card. The co-gardener is designated to assist the gardener and may not be in charge of the garden in full (see 3.3).

1.4 FREE GARDEN PLOTS

After June 1, once the waiting list is exhausted and the allocation procedure has concluded, the borough will allocate the remaining available garden plots in accordance with an agreement reached with the gardening committee. The garden plots thus allocated will become available again the following year.

1.5 OPENING AND CLOSING

The community gardens are open from sunrise to sunset, from May 1 to November 1.

1.6 PAYMENT AND MEMBERSHIP CARD

Gardeners must pay their membership fees to the borough upon renewing their membership. The gardening committee will also charge a fee. The membership fee is payable by no later than the date of the annual meeting. Recipients of social assistance are exempt from the fees charged by the borough. Failure to pay the fees on time will result in the gardener being expelled without notice.

1.6.1	FEES	PLACE	RATE	DEADLINE
	Borough	815, Rue Bel-Air	11 \$	Upon membership renewal
	Member	At the garden	Varies from garden to garden	June 1

1.7 IDENTIFICATION

Gardeners must be able to identify themselves at all times by presenting their garden membership card or a piece of ID. They must hold a key to the garden.



1.8 KEY

Gardeners must close and lock the fence gate upon entering and leaving the garden.

- 1.8.1** In the event of a non-renewal or an expulsion, gardeners must return their keys to the gardening committee.

1.9 ANIMALS

Animals are not admitted to the gardens, with the exception of guide dogs.

1.10 BICYCLES

It is forbidden to ride a bicycle on the garden premises. Bicycles must be stored in the area provided for that purpose.

2. REGULATIONS

2.1 Any new internal regulation or regulation specific to a garden must be submitted to the borough and put to a vote at the garden's annual meeting before it is applied. The gardening committee will ensure that gardeners are duly notified about the regulation and that it is applied.

3. MAINTENANCE OF GARDEN PLOTS

3.1 WEEDING

Gardeners must take proper care of their gardens by carrying out regular weeding inside and around their garden plots.

3.2 GARDEN PATHS

Common paths adjacent to garden plots must be kept free of undesirable weeds. Gardeners are responsible for maintaining the paths adjacent to their gardens. In addition, plants must not be allowed to grow beyond the limits of garden plots, and objects may not be placed on the paths (tools, bags of earth, etc.).

3.3 ABSENCE

Gardeners who expect to be absent for a period of more than two weeks (vacation, illness, etc.) must advise the gardening committee thereof. They are required to entrust their gardens to another person (member or non-member) and must contact the borough by calling 311 to register that person as a co-gardener.

- 3.3.1** The borough must be able to contact the co-gardener.

3.4 MUTUAL ASSISTANCE

Gardeners may help one another on occasion, but may not work on another gardener's plot on a regular basis. Such a situation would be interpreted as a person holding two separate garden plots. Any person frequently harvesting or maintaining a garden other than their own will be expelled (see 1.3).

3.5 PESTICIDES AND INSECTICIDES

Only ecological and biological control methods are accepted. Example: a physical barrier (without nails or potential dangerous objects), natural pesticides (insecticide soap, neem, etc.) or biotic pesticides (sulfur, copper, etc.). The use of synthetic fertilizers is forbidden.



3.6 TREATMENT

Gardeners must check regularly for invasive plants, parasites and pests. Gardeners must take action to correct the situation, where applicable. If treatment is deemed necessary, gardeners must apply it.

3.7 BORDERS

Plants, arbors (sheds), structures and stakes must be installed 10 cm from the edge of the garden plot.

3.7.1 Boards may not be used to hold down the earth.

3.8 PLANTS OVERSHOOTING THE GARDEN BORDERS

No plants may extend beyond the garden plot. If the situation is not corrected after an initial warning from the committee, the plants in question will be cut back.

3.9 GROUND LEVEL

The ground level must be one inch (three cm) below the level of the garden border.

3.10 WASTE

All gardeners must place their waste in the bags provided for that purpose. Waste must be sorted by type (green waste, recycling, garbage). If gardeners wish to leave garden waste on the ground, they must cut it to a maximum length of six inches or 15 cm and spread it over the entire garden plot. The spreading technique is accepted.

3.11 GENERAL MAINTENANCE

Gardeners must help maintain the community garden. They must put the tools back in their place, close the taps after watering, put the hoses back in their proper place after watering, and keep the common areas clean.

3.12 CLEANUP

Gardening committees are responsible for the cleanup schedules. Gardeners must take part in a minimum number of cleanups.

3.13 MATERIALS

The materials used must be free of toxic products and designed for outdoor gardening.

4. SAFETY

The city reserves the right to expel without notice any person who violates the regulations cited in the Safety section.

4.1 PEACE AND QUIET

A pleasant atmosphere is vital to the practice of any leisure activity. Any person whose comments, conduct or attitude consistently undermines the peace and quiet of the premises will be expelled without notice or recourse.

4.2 ALCOHOL AND DRUGS

The consumption of alcoholic beverages and drugs is strictly forbidden.

4.3 THEFT

It is strictly forbidden to steal vegetables or plants from another garden.

4.4 SALE

Growing for purposes of selling is strictly forbidden.

4.5 AGGRESSION

No physical and verbal aggression towards other gardeners, municipal employees or committee members will be tolerated.

4.6 URINATING

Under By-law **RCA11 22005, section 59**, it is forbidden to urinate or defecate on a private lot.

4.7 SEE AND BE SEEN

For safety purposes, a person must be able to see and be seen in a community garden. Plants and stakes will thus be measured from the paths and not the garden plots. The following standards must be respected.

4.7.1	MAXIMUM HEIGHT ALLOWED FROM THE PATHS		
	Arbor (shed)	Three feet	1 m
	Stakes	Four feet	1 m 20
	Plants	Five feet	1 m 50
	Raised beds	Six feet and a half	2 m

5. PLANTING AND SEEDING

5.1 SEEDING

Gardeners must seed or plant a minimum of 75% of their garden area by June 1, or they will be expelled without notice.

5.2 AREA CULTIVATED

75% of the garden area must be cultivated during the season.

5.3 VARIETY

A minimum of five different vegetable plants (including varieties) per garden is required.

5.4 FLOWERS, HERBS AND SMALL FRUITS

Together, they may occupy no more than 30% of the garden area.

5.5 FOOD PLANTS
In order to maximize biodiversity and minimize soil impoverishment, one food plant species may not occupy more than 25% of the garden area. Different varieties or cultivars are considered to be the same species (e.g., cherry tomatoes or beefsteak tomatoes are considered a single species; amaranth and *Amaranthus cruentus* (red spinach) also represent the same species).

5.6 AMARANTH

The cultivation of a single flowering amaranth plant is permitted. However, the flowers must be covered to prevent the seeds from propagating. This rule also applies to other amaranth varieties, including *Amaranthus cruentus* (red spinach).

5.7 EXTERIOR OF THE GARDEN

Potted vegetable or flower plants will not be tolerated outside the garden plots.

5.7.1 Gardeners are forbidden from planting outside a garden plot. Wooden boards are used to set off the garden area.



6. WHY CERTAIN PLANTS ARE FORBIDDEN

6.1 HEIGHT *(with the exception of dwarf varieties)*

- Corn
- Sunflowers
- Flowering amaranth (One plant will be tolerated. See 5.6)
- Tobacco
- Decorative vines

6.2 PROPAGATION OF DISEASE

- Potatoes
- Cuscuta

6.3 SIZE

- Pumpkins

6.4 INVASIVE PLANTS AND PARASITIC PLANTS

- Amaranth flowers
- Amaranthus cruentus (red spinach) flowers (One plant will be tolerated. See 5.6)
- Cuscuta
- Mint. Mint is permitted, but it must be grown in a pot, with the pot placed inside the garden and above ground.

6.5 OTHER

- Any dangerous plant (giant hogweed, poison-ivy, etc.)
- Any non-edible shrub
- Any plant banned under law



Any other species with characteristics similar to those cited above are forbidden.



7. CLOSURE OF THE GARDENS

7.1 END-OF-SEASON CLEANING

7.1.1 Gardeners must clean their respective garden plots by no later than November 1 or the date set by the gardening committee. Failure to do so will result in the gardener being expelled without notice.

7.1.2 Gardeners must remove dead plants (with the exception of perennials) and vegetables and must dismantle all arbors (sheds) and structures and remove stakes.

7.2 The water service is shut off as of the first ground frost warning (see section 1.5).

7.3 The waste collection service will cease after November 1.

8. NON-COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS

8.1 WARNINGS AND EXPULSIONS

8.1.1 First warning: The first warning is issued by the gardening committee or borough (in person, by telephone or e-mail). It can also be issued in visual form (by pictogram in the garden). In the event of a verbal notice, a witness should be present. The gardener will have **seven days** following the first warning to correct the situation.

8.1.2 Second warning: The second warning is a signed and written warning sent by a representative of the city. The gardener will have **14 days** from the date of the letter to correct the problem cited.

8.1.3 Expulsion notice: A gardener who fails to comply with the notices cited above will receive a letter of expulsion. The expelled gardener must turn over his or her membership card and garden key and may not return to the garden. He or she is required to wait three years before submitting a new application to use a community garden.

8.1.4 Appeal process: An expelled gardener may appeal the expulsion in writing within 10 days of the expulsion notice mailing date (postal stamp). Any such appeal will be rejected after this period. The gardener must cite the reasons for which the borough should reverse its decision. The gardener must provide proof. This appeal must be submitted in writing to the Accès Montréal (BAM) offices located at 815 Rue Bel-Air. The expulsion will be maintained during the appeal process. Where required, a committee will be formed to review the file.

VOLUNTEERING

Committee members will work on a volunteer basis to ensure the operation of the garden. Gardeners are invited to assist in the proper conduct of gardening activities. A gardener who wishes to help complete tasks on the committee must submit a request to do so to the committee. He or she may also make the request with the person in charge of the borough's community gardens.



A close-up photograph of a hand dropping a small, light-colored seed into dark, rich soil. The background is blurred, showing more seeds scattered in the soil.

LIST OF COMMUNITY GARDENS

ANGRIGNON

Rue Angrignon – Boulevard des Trinitaires
113 garden plots (including three raised plots)

DES SEIGNEURS

Rue Saint-Jacques – Rue des Seigneurs
113 garden plots (including eight raised plots)

PETITE-BOURGOGNE

Boulevard Georges-Vanier – Rue Blake
42 garden plots (including two raised plots)

LA LÉGUMIÈRE ROSE-DE-LIMA

Avenue Greene – Rue Delisle
89 garden plots


BONS-VOISINS


Rue Turgeon – Rue Sainte-Émilie
39 garden plots

POINTE-VERTE

Rue Knox – Rue Charlevoix
52 garden plots (including two raised plots)

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