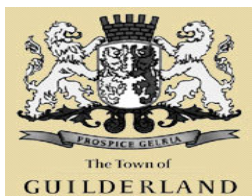


TOWN OF GUILDERLAND COMMUNITY GARDENS



AT

TAWASENTHA PARK

ORGANIC GARDEN

1. The use of insecticide and fungicide made from synthetic chemical materials are prohibited: rotenone, pyrethrum and safer soap which are derived from organic sources are permitted. There may be limited use of herbicide along the perimeter fence if needed. Gardeners are invited to trim weeds along the fence thereby reducing the need for herbicide.

2. **COMPOST:** It is strongly recommended that gardeners maintain compost bins in their gardens to compost weeds and other organic materials. Compost bins are best constructed away from the garden lot line. Compost makes excellent mulch; the use of plastic and other non-porous materials for ground cover is prohibited.

GARDEN PATHS

3. Garden lots have access paths between them. These paths should be at least 4 feet wide. Leave adequate space for plant growth so as not to encroach in or over the paths.

4. Avoid stepping off the access paths and into other garden lots. Gardeners have their own methods of planting which may be damaged in the process.

5. The access and perimeter paths must be free of garden tools, weeds and other debris so as not to create a hazard or to impede maintenance. Such items that are temporarily placed on the paths must be removed before the end of the day. If a gardener continues to violate this rule after receiving two written warning letters, membership will be terminated. Note: the town will mow the perimeter paths provided they are free of garden tools, hoses, rocks and other objects. Gardeners may store garden tools and supplies at their lots or in the barn. Please store items in the barn neatly.

6. **Water:** hand watering with a hose nozzle is required (no open ended hoses). The Town of Guilderland prohibits the use of water sprinklers in vegetable gardens. Leaking hoses should be repaired or replaced. **Drip hose watering is permitted when done in the presence of the gardener.**

MISCELLANEOUS

7. **RADIOS:** the use of headphones is required so as not to disturb the tranquility of the gardens.

8. **TOBACCO:** the tobacco mosaic virus (TMV) is one of the oldest known diseases of the plant world. Tobacco is therefore prohibited from the community gardens. The prohibition includes any use of tobacco such as smoking or chewing as well as the open display of a tobacco product. Cigarette butts should be deposited in your vehicle's ash tray. Do not toss butts on the ground. Such litter detracts from the cleanliness of the park and is a hazard to birds and other animal residents.

9. **GUESTS:** the gardens and hoop house are accessible to the gardeners and their immediate families. Guests may enter these areas **only when the gardener is present.**

10. **PARENTS:** children are most welcome. However, please monitor their behavior at all times.

11. **DOGS:** the town of Guilderland laws apply to Tawasentha Park, i.e., leashes and "pick-up" is required. Dogs are not permitted in the gardening area proper because of potential disease from dog feces.

12. **GARDEN GATES:** the last gardener to leave the garden regardless to the time of day should close the gates.

13. **GARDEN PLANTING AND MAINTENANCE:** gardeners are expected to maintain an orderly

garden relatively free of excess weeds. Landscaping cloth can help control weeds; plastic covering is not permitted. Subject to soil conditions, garden lots should be prepared for planting no later than May 31 and planting in full-swing by June 10. A general inspection of the gardens will be conducted in mid-summer. Gardeners with neglected gardens will be notified that clean-up is required within 10 days. If clean-up does not occur, the gardener will be notified by registered mail that their membership is revoked. The lot will then be reassigned. Note: if additional time is needed or if there are extenuating circumstances, it is the gardener's responsibility to contact the garden's coordinator.

14. REMEMBER THE NEEDY: gardeners are encouraged to donate excess produce to the needy. Gardeners who leave substantial produce not harvested after the gardening season may be assigned a smaller lot the following year.

15. GLASS CONTAINERS ARE PROHIBITED FROM THE GARDENS: containers, bags, etc. should be secured so as not to blow around and detract from the orderliness of the gardens.

16. TREES: dwarf fruit-bearing trees are permitted but shall not exceed 12 feet in height at any time during the growing season. In addition, such trees shall be located on the lot so as not to shade adjoining gardens between the hours of **11am to 4pm**. Conifers and deciduous trees are not permitted.

HOOP HOUSE

17. PLANT PROTECTION: since there is no auxiliary heat in the hoop house, plants should be protected when low temperatures threaten.

18. DISEASED PLANTS: monitor plant health; diseased plants should be removed from the hoop house.

19. POTTING BENCH: remove all excess soil from the potting benches after each use.

20. HOOP HOUSE TOOLS/MATERIALS: only such items that are used in the hoop house may be stored under the gardener's assigned bench space. Please keep assigned hoop house area clean and neat at all times.