

Paintearth Community Garden

The Environmental Services Department is pleased to announce the return of the Community Garden for the 2025 season!

Garden plots will be ready by May 16 for residents who wish to participate. To secure a plot, please complete the registration form and submit it to the administration office by **May 9** or contact Jeff Cosens, Director of Environmental Services, to register by email at jcosenscountypaintearth.ca or phone. All plots must be paid for prior to planting. There are a total of 20 plots and will be assigned on a first come, first served basis. Any remaining plots after initial registration may be offered to those wishing to have more than one. The County will provide the garden with water via drip irrigation. The County is not responsible for any loss or damages.

Community Garden Agreement

The gardener agrees to abide by the following guidelines:

Who Can Apply?

- Anyone within the boundaries of the County of Paintearth including the Towns of Castor and Coronation and the Hamlets of Halkirk, Fleet, Throne and Brownfield.
- Garden plots are reserved on a first come, first served basis. Requests for additional plots will be considered after initial registration.
- Garden plots are assigned to one person only and are not transferable. Others may garden at your site, but the responsibility for payment of fees, cleanup and other duties at the site will be the responsibility of the individual whose name is assigned to the plot.
- Payment of \$20.00 per plot/row must be included with the application form.

Planting

- NO planting will be allowed until ALL plots are staked and numbered or names on them.
- Garden plots cannot not be expanded or changed.
- Plots will be available May 16th. The planting deadline is May 30th. Unplanted plots after this date will be reassigned.
- Each plot includes 4' access paths to allow all gardeners easy access.
- Gardeners must maintain plots and adjacent aisles weekly.
- Gardeners who do not maintain their plots may not be eligible for a plot in the following year.
- Place all vegetation in provided compost bins. Do not compost diseased plants-bag and take them home.
- Gardeners must arrange for someone to maintain the plot if away for an extended period.
- Neglected plots will be given 2 weeks' notice for cleanup. Unkept plots may be reassigned or tilled and produce donated to charity.
- Respect other plots. Only harvest from your own unless given permission.
- All plots must be **cleared by October 1**. Failure to clean up will affect future eligibility.

Water

- Water will be provided at no charge as per needed or approximately one inch per week.

Weed & Pest Control

- Use of pesticides, herbicides, fungicides, fertilizers, or rodenticides is strictly PROHIBITED.
- The use of plastic and other non-porous materials for groundcover is prohibited.
- Grass and straw are great mulches and may be used in the plots or paths. Please do not add quack grass, or weeds that have gone to seed. This is considered trash.

What Can Be Planted

- Annual produce, plants, or flowers only.
- No invasive plants. Check out the website for a list of invasive plants.
<https://www.abinvasives.ca/invasive-plants/>
- Do not plant trees or shrubs. These plants are perennial and not allowed.
- Be considerate of shade—tall plants like corn or sunflowers should not block others.
- Plant supporting structures may be used i.e., netting, tomato cages, or chicken wire for climbing plants but must be removed after harvest.

Pets

- No pets permitted in the garden area.

Parking

- Park near the Crowfoot Reservoir, keeping right and clear of truck traffic.
- County parking lot is available after working hours (8:00 AM – 5:00 PM).

Safety & Security

- Children are welcome in the garden area with adult supervision.
- Acquaint yourself with your garden neighbors.
- Report any theft or vandalism to the County.
- No Smoking, vaping, alcohol, or the use of illegal substances permitted.

Photos

- This is a public space; photos may be taken. The County may also take photos and use them for marketing purposes. If you do not wish your photos to be used, please notify the County office.

WAIVER OF LIABILITY

I understand that that the County is not responsible for my actions. I agree to hold harmless the County for any liability, damage, loss, or claim that arises from my participation or the participation of my guests.

I, (print name) _____ have read and agree to abide by the guidelines.

Signature

Date

Address

Email

Home Phone #

Cell #