

Eglinton Growers Rules

Rule 1: Plot allocated to members of Eglinton Growers for the production of vegetables, fruit and flower crops and for no other purpose whatsoever.

Rule 2:

2a. For the allocation of new plots, no plot holder, family members or their agents shall hold more than or the equivalent of one large plot, 10m by 30m.

2b. On application two current utility bills must be shown for confirmation of address purposes.

Rule 3: The number or raised beds allocated to a plot holder or group shall be at the committee's discretion.

Rule 4: If a plot holder fails to maintain their allotment in a proper state of cultivation, or is in breach of any other condition contained in these rules and regulations, the Eglinton Growers Committee may serve a written notice on the Plot holder requiring them to rectify the breach within 8 weeks. If such notice is not complied with the Plot holder will forfeit the right to occupy the allotment together with any fee paid and the Secretary will thereafter have the power to re-let the allotment.

Rule 5: Boundary paths and hedges between plots shall be kept clear and weed free by the plot holder.

Rule 6: Plots shall be clearly numbered by the plot holder.

Rule 7 Plot holders shall be responsible for maintaining the condition of the soil and the fertility of their plot. This includes the application of manure and compost.

Rule 8 Plot holders shall ensure that non-compostable waste materials and rubbish does not accumulate on their plots or on the site, that it is removed from the site for disposal and not placed anywhere within the Eglinton Growers site.

Rule 9 In acceptance of a plot all members shall agree to contribute to the maintenance of the site and the development of communal areas.

Rule 10 All plot holders and their representatives shall be responsible for the securing of the site at the end of the day.

Rule 11: Plot holders should avoid the use of pesticides or weed killers unless it is of the type of pesticide or weed killer that allows for replanting within 7 days.

Rule 12: Cultivation of trees over 7 feet on individual plots shall not be permitted without the prior consent of the committee.

Rule 13: Plot holders wishing to erect a potting shed shall apply for permission from the committee by sending the potting shed application form to the secretary. All sheds must be pre-manufactured and of a standard size and construction. The committee reserves the right to request the removal or remove at the plot holder's expense any unapproved structures, which breach this policy.

Rule 14: All goods, vehicles, grow houses and potting sheds shall be brought on to the site at the owner's risk.

Rule 15: The keeping of pets and livestock including bees on individual plots is prohibited.

Rule 16: Any dogs brought onto the site shall be restrained on a leash in all public areas. Where plot holders bring a dog onto site they shall be held responsible for its behaviour.

Rule 17: Plot holders who bring children onto the allotments shall be responsible for their safety and behaviour. They should not cause a nuisance to other plot holders.

Rule 18: If any plot holder has occasion to complain about the behaviour of any plot holder, the complaint should be made in writing to the chairperson.

Rule 19: The use of vehicles brought on to site shall be restricted to 10 miles per hour, access roads and car parks. The committee reserves the right to refuse vehicular access to plot holders who do not observe the site notices imposed for the health and safety of members.

Rule 20: All communal plot holders shall appoint a principle plot holder, this includes community groups, and the principle plot holder shall be responsible for the plot.

Rule 21: Plot holders are responsible for ensuring all communal buildings including the containers and toilets are maintained in a clean and tidy condition.

Rule 22: Payment of plot rents shall be made in a timely manner as stated by the committee, all fees outstanding within one calendar month shall be considered overdue and the tenancy terminated. A refundable deposit equal to the plot rent shall be taken on the allocation of the plot plus the one off joining fee.

Rule 23: The committee maintains the right to periodically inspect all plots, to investigate any serious disputes, illegal acts, failure to maintain plots and other issues, which may bring Eglinton Growers into disrepute or infringe the conditions of our lease. After investigation the committee maintains the right to consider a range of corrective and disciplinary actions against a plot holder from requesting corrective action to expulsion.

Rule 24: The plot holder has the right to reply to any decision of the committee and this should be done in writing to the Chairperson within 7 days.

Rule 25: Any member wishing to terminate or change their plot holding shall notify the chairperson in writing no later than one calendar month of the Annual General Meeting.

Rule 26: Any member terminating their plot lease shall not be considered for a plot for the subsequent season.

Rule 27: Any member whose lease is terminated due to breach of the organisation's rules will not be eligible to re-join, unless the committee has determined any variance in individual cases.

Rule 28: Any member terminating their membership may remove the following from their plot before the new plot holder takes over; any greenhouses, poly tunnel or hut erected by the member, any plants or bushes and any produce remaining on site. The terminating member shall complete the removal within 4 weeks and has the responsibility to leave the plot in a fit and tidy state for the next plot holder. The existing plot holder may be liable for any expenses incurred by the committee in clearing the plot, which is to be removed from their refundable deposit.

Rule 29: All plot holders shall comply with the rules and conditions of their occupancy including any changes imposed by our landlords.

Rule 30: Plots may be swapped between members of the association, after a formal approach to the committee, where members would like a change of plot size.

Rule 31: Tyres (Can, Van or Lorry) are strictly prohibited from being brought onto site. Plot holders will be liable for the cost of removing any such item and its disposal.

Rule 32: Carpets and floor coverings of any description are strictly prohibited from being brought onto site. Plot holders will be liable for the cost of removing any such item and its disposal.

