

Garden Membership

The St. Joseph Island Community Garden offers individual 4x8 garden beds both at knee height and at waist height to be more accessible to those with mobility or back issues.

Our beds can be rented annually for a nominal fee of \$20 per season. Rental fees provide members with access to tools, storage, water, power and gardening assistance. Plots are awarded on a first come, first served basis.

We practice organic gardening at our site, which means we garden without synthetic pesticides, fertilizers or any harmful chemicals. As organic gardeners we focus on building healthy soil and learning to garden in harmony with the environment.

As part of the membership requirements, members are required to complete a total of 6 hours of volunteer service at various work bees and social events, which are held monthly during the garden season (April - October)

For more information
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Garden Rules

1. Unplug the fence and Motion Activated Sprinkler when you enter and plug them back in when you leave. The deer love the garden and will eat everything if they get the chance!
2. You must agree to be committed to the use of organic gardening practices as required by Ontario law. All chemical herbicides, insecticides and fertilizers such as Miracle Gro are banned from use in the garden.
3. Each member must work one hour per month of volunteer time outside of working on their own plot. This might include spreading mulch, preparing beds, planting or picking the Food Bank beds, attend committee meetings, etc.
4. Each member must attend at least one community event: bake sale, barbeque, or spring planting event.
5. Keep a record of your volunteer hours in the shed.
6. Respect other gardeners and don't pick out of their bed unless you have permission.
7. Garden tools are available for use. Please return them to the shed and use the communication book to identify any broken tools.
8. Please respect the deadlines for planting your plot in the spring and cleaning up your garden in the fall.
9. Use the communication log for sharing information. Notify a committee member if you are experiencing any problems.
10. If you do not follow the rules you will not be guaranteed a plot in future.



Together we can...

Grow Produce

Grow Friends

Grow a Community!







Membership Application

Name: _____ Address: _____ Post Code: _____
 City: _____ Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____
 Do you require an Accessible Bed? (waist height) Yes No
 Are you interested in being part of the Community Garden Planning Committee? Yes No
 I am interested in more information on the Community Garden Planning Committee. Yes No
 I, the undersigned, agree that if I am awarded a plot I will pay the plot fee by **May 27, 2016**, and I will plant by **June 15, 2016** or I will forfeit my bed. To renew my membership for the following year, I agree that my garden bed must be regularly weeded and harvested, cleaned out at the end of the season, my rental payment paid by the deadline date and I will participate in garden maintenance.
 Signature: _____ Date: _____
FOR OFFICE USE ONLY
 You will be notified if you have been awarded a bed by **April 15, 2016**
 Bed Awarded Yes No Amount Paid \$ _____
 Bed # _____ Cash Chq # _____

Please detach and return with payment to The Township of St. Joseph Municipal Office

Membership Application

The St. Joseph Island Community Garden site located at 1669 Arthur Street offers:

-  Raised garden beds, including accessible garden beds & planter boxes.
-  A shade structure with seating to offer relief from the sun and a place to socialize with other gardeners.
-  A tool storage shed
-  Rain barrels

The Community Garden works with the St. Joseph Island Horticultural Society to provide educational workshops to help support and reinforce our commitment to sustainable environmental practices.





The Community Garden Committee is working to create a self-sustaining community garden that will:

-  Allow people who have no gardening experience to **learn how to garden** & grow their own healthy, nutritious food.
-  Support **educational** programs.
-  Allow for the **integration of people** of all ages and abilities in our community.
-  Provide a safe environment for meeting people and **forming friendships**.
-  Provide safe and passive **recreation**.

Promote community pride!

How You Can Help

We are currently seeking volunteers for the following:

-  **Help with garden maintenance.**
-  **Sharing their gardening knowledge and expertise to assist with the community garden.**
-  **Donations of gardening tools, lawn chairs, tables, plants and seeds, lumber and nails, paint, bushel baskets and pails.**
-  **Donations - cash or in-kind are always welcome.**

If you are interested in being a member of the St. Joseph Island Community Garden Committee, please let us know!

Garden Objectives

-  Teach organic gardening techniques
-  What to do with the produce
-  "How to" grow a garden
-  Work co-operatively