## Garden Membership

The St. Joseph Island Community Garden offers individual 4' x 8' garden beds. Waist-height beds are also available for those with mobility or back issues.

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

We practice organic gardening; and garden without synthetic pesticides, fertilizers or any harmful chemicals. We focus on building healthy soil and learn 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.)

## Garden Rules

1. Turn off the fence and Motion-Activated Sprinkler when you enter; and turn them back on 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 such as the 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.



2025
Celebrating 11 years!

ST. JOSEPH ISLAND COMMUNITY GARDEN
EST. 2014

Together we can...
Grow Produce
Grow Friends
Grow a Community!

## Membership Application

**Application Deadline March 31, 2025**

**Fee: $20 /bed per season**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

*Do you require an Accessible Bed? (waist height)............Yes _____ No _____

*Are you interested in more information on the Community Garden Planning Committee, or being a part of the committee?............Yes _____ No _____

*Would you like to have more than one bed if available?................Yes _____ No _____

I, the undersigned, agree that if I am awarded a plot I will pay the plot fee by May 23, 2025 and I will plant by June 15, 2025 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. Members will be notified if they have been awarded a bed by April 25, 2025.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Bed Awarded No _____ Yes _____ Cash _____ Chq# _____ E-Trans _____ Bed # _____ Amount Paid $ _____

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

## Membership Benefits

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

- Fenced garden area
- Fruit trees
- 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
- Compost Boxes

## Benefits of Gardening

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!**

**For more information Call:**
**705-246-2625 Ext 200 or**
**community@sjtwp.ca**