



## Argyle Avenue Allotment Gardens 2025 Guidelines for Gardeners

The Argyle allotment gardens located at 1400 and 1500 block Argyle Avenue along the Ambleside waterfront (known as Argyle #1 and Argyle #2 respectively) bring community connection, environmental awareness, and health benefits to District of West Vancouver residents. Ensuring an enjoyable gardening experience for all of the garden community is the goal of these guidelines.

Individual gardens are assigned to residents of West Vancouver in the order that the requests arrive. Assignment to one of the plots means you have permission to garden there; it does not constitute ownership of the garden or the land upon which it is situated.

Since there are a limited number of plots, new requests are added to a waitlist which is reviewed annually by the District, and plots are assigned from the waitlist as they become available during the year.

Plots are approximately 4 ft. x 10 ft. Allocation of plots is at the District's discretion; efforts will be made to accommodate preferences.

**Please note:** unfortunately, theft has been an issue in the Community Gardens recently. Get to know your gardening neighbours, and keep an eye on each other's plots. The District is not responsible for theft or vandalism, but if there is an incident, you can contact the police non-emergency line at 604.925.7300.

The following Terms and Conditions apply:

- The opportunity to be allotted one garden plot per household is open to residents of West Vancouver. Permits are issued in one person's name only.
- Plots are assigned for one year with the option to renew at the end of that year.
- Annual fee is \$82.90 + GST per plot. The fee provides access to one garden plot and access to water for the garden. A one-time \$100 deposit is required for new gardeners obtaining a plot. Deposit will be returned when the plot is no longer desired and has been cleaned out to the District's satisfaction.
- Participants are asked to inform the District of any change of his/ her address and phone number.

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- If for any reason (health, vacation, work, etc.) you will be temporarily unable to maintain your plot and will be arranging a substitute gardener, please contact the Parks office and provide their name, address and phone number. Substitute gardeners will only be permitted to maintain your allotment garden until December 31st of that year. Subletting or transferring of plots is not permitted.
- The garden should be a safe place for the community, children, and other gardeners. Participants are to abide by all District Bylaws (for example, Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 4867, 2015, Smoking Bylaw No. 4607, 2009, Animal Control Bylaw No. 4545, 2008, Pesticide Use Control Bylaw No. 4377, 2004).
- Gardeners are reminded to be respectful of neighbours, other gardeners, and park visitors. Use common sense: please do not obstruct a path; leave your dog at home; refrain from playing loud music; tidy up after yourself.
- Each participant supplies their own gardening tools, equipment, soil amendments, seeds and plants, and is responsible for the care and maintenance of their plot.
- Hand watering only. Be careful not to water others' plots without their permission. Please shut off the water when finished.
- The gardens are public property and should not appear to be an exclusive area. Public access should be expected and welcomed.
- Compost bins are not permitted. All green waste is to be placed in tied bundles which must not exceed 3 ft. in length and tied with garden string or twine, or in double ply paper yard bags (please bring your own), not to exceed 20 kg (44 lbs.) and placed at the designated curbside for pickup. Green waste should contain no soil or rocks. A garbage bin is provided for non-compostable trash. Gardeners are not to leave any debris at the garden compound.
- This is an organic garden. Use of pesticides of any kind are not permitted. This includes the use of herbicides, insecticides, fungicides as per the District of West Vancouver's Pesticide Use Control Bylaw No. 4377, 2004. Fertilizers should be organic – i.e., compost and leaf mulch.
- Participants may not grow woody plants such as shrubs and trees as these may shade other plots and will be asked to be removed if found in the plot.
- The District reserves the right to remove plants that are planted outside the plots.
- Invasive plants are not permitted. See page 4 of this document for a list of invasive plants.

- Allow adequate space for fast growing, vine type and spreading crops and keep them confined to your own plot. Please plan ahead so that you do not shade other plots with tall crops.
- Please follow the rules. Here are some situations that could result in the loss of garden plot:
  - If the allotment fee or any part thereof is in arrears as of March 1, 2025.
  - If you sublet your garden plot.
  - If your garden is not planted by June 15, 2025.
  - If your garden plot is not adequately maintained throughout the year or if end-of-season clean-up is not completed by November 30.
  - If you use insecticides or herbicides.
  - If you expand your designated area beyond the limits set out by the District.

Every effort will be made to help gardeners understand and follow the guidelines; please contact the Parks Department if you have questions. If it appears to the District that there has been a breach of the conditions and agreements on the part of the participant, the District will issue a warning notice. Upon the second warning notice, the District may revoke the assignment of the plot and will not be required to reimburse the participant.

The success of the garden depends on your participation and consideration of your fellow gardeners. Please enjoy the garden and community around you.

**Contact for questions:**

Parks Department

604-925-7275

[parks@westvancouver.ca](mailto:parks@westvancouver.ca)

## District of West Vancouver Target Invasive Plants List\*

These plants are *not* permitted in District Community Gardens

Common Name	Scientific Name
Blackberry – Himalayan	<i>Rubus armeniacus</i>
Blackberry – evergreen/cutleaf	<i>Rubus laciniatus</i>
Butterfly bush	<i>Buddleia davidii</i>
Cherry laurel (English laurel)	<i>Prunus lauroceracus</i>
Clematis – old man’s beard (traveler’s joy)	<i>Clematis vitalba</i>
English holly	<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>
English ivy	<i>Hedera helix</i>
Giant hogweed	<i>Heracleum mantegazzianum</i>
Gorse	<i>Ulex europaeus</i>
Goutweed (bishop’s weed)	<i>Aegopodium podgaria</i>
Hawkweed – orange	<i>Hieracium aurantiacum</i>
Knotweed – bohemian	<i>Fallopia x bohemica</i>
Knotweed – giant	<i>Fallopia sachalinensis</i>
Knotweed – Japanese	<i>Fallopia japonica</i>
Knotweed – Himalayan	<i>Polygonum polystachyum</i>
Lamium (yellow archangel)	<i>Lamium galeobdolon</i>
Periwinkle (vinca)	<i>Vinca minor</i>
Policeman’s helmet (Himalayan balsam)	<i>Impatiens glandulifera</i>
Purple loosestrife	<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>
Reed canarygrass	<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i>
Scotch broom	<i>Cytisus scoparius</i>
Small flowered touch-me-not	<i>Impatiens parviflora</i>
Spurge laurel (daphne laurel)	<i>Daphne laureola</i>
	<i>*listed alphabetically</i>

For more information, please visit:

<https://westvancouver.ca/environment/invasive-plants-insects/invasive-plants>