

## GROW Gardener Pledge

- All GROW sites are public spaces and must remain tidy. Gardeners must weed in and around their boxes by June 1. Failure to plant and look after your box may result in reassignment. (Gardener will be contacted and given one week to tend to their garden. Reassignment occurs if no action is taken.)
- GROW is built on a goal of growing organic food.
  - In greenhouses, use only seeds, plants, soils, etc. supplied by AWARE
  - In outdoor boxes, only organic, non-GMO seeds are to be used
  - No chemical fertilizers, pesticides, weed repellents or plastic mulches
- Bear attractants are to be kept out of GROW boxes at all times. No corn, carrot, fruit trees, berries, pumpkins, fish fertilizer, bone meal, blood meal or chicken manure. (Visit [www.bearsmart.com/live/managing-attractants/](http://www.bearsmart.com/live/managing-attractants/) for more info.)
- Compost all organic garden material (weeds, pruning offcuts, etc.) in the compost bins on site and trim to 3 inches or less. Food scraps are prohibited. (Note: Failure to clear your box at end of season may result in dismissal from the program the following year.)
- Keep plants from growing into walkways or other plots. (Crowding/shading plants e.g. sunflowers, may be trimmed without warning).
- Planting structures must be safe, avoid sharp edges or protruding supports that could cause injury. Plastic netting is not permitted at any location. Structures will only be permitted in the outdoor garden if they are within the GROW guidelines to allow everyone maximum sunshine:
  - Cheakamus gardeners may only use open structures with a max height of 5ft or less (i.e. - trellises, growing frames etc.)
  - Cheakamus gardeners may only use closed structures with a max height of 3ft or less (i.e. - tunnels, windbreaks etc.)
- Pack out all garbage. Under no circumstance shall bear attractants or garbage be left on site. Pets are to be kept on leash or tied up at a designated hitching post.
- Please no smoking in the garden areas at any time. Smokers, please wash hands before gardening to limit the spread of tobacco virus, deadly to tomatoes.
- No fire on site(s) at any time (enclosed / camp stove / other).
- All gardeners are asked to contribute to the success of this program by volunteering a minimum of 4 hours per box per season. Volunteer activities will be included in biweekly GROW emails along with a volunteer tracking form.
- Gardeners unable to volunteer are required to pay a \$30 contribution to the GROW maintenance fund at checkout. Gardeners failing to volunteer / pay maintenance contribution by the end of the season will not be permitted a space in the GROW program the following year.

AWARE reserves the right to amend the rules and regulations should an issue affecting the betterment of the program as a whole arises.