

Operating Procedures for the Gerry Patsula Community Garden (2017)

The Beaumont and District Agricultural Society (BADAS) operates the Gerry Patsula Community Garden (GPCG) that is located on the agricultural fairgrounds west of Beaumont.

1. The operating procedures will be reviewed and approved yearly by the BADAS Board of Directors.
2. All garden plot applicants must be members of the Beaumont and District Agricultural Society and hold valid membership at time of plot application. The membership period for 2017 growing season is from Nov 1, 2016 to Oct 31, 2017.
3. For 2017, all garden plot applications are to be made with the online registration portal. If you are unable to complete the online application please contact the GPCG Coordinator. A separate application will be required for each plot requested.
4. Plot availability will be determined by chronological confirmation from the online registration portal. Although there is no guarantee that will have same plot every year, where possible will keep gardeners in the same plot if requested.
5. Plot Types and Fees:

• Full Plot (Rectangle 20' x 30' or 600 sq. ft.)	\$50	Quantity 47
• Half Plot (Triangle 20' wide x 30' long for 300 sq. ft.)	\$25	Quantity 9
• Half Plot (Rectangle 20' x 15' for 300 sq. ft.)	\$25	Quantity 34
• Raised Bed Plot (Cedar planter 30" high x 4' wide x 8' long)	\$25	Quantity 6
6. Dates:
 - Gardens Season is from May 14- October 14, 2017
 - Orientation Sessions:
 - i. Sunday May 14, 2017 Morning 10am
 - ii. Sunday May 14, 2017 Afternoon 2pm
 - iii. Monday May 15, 2017 Evening 6pm
7. All garden plot users must be included on plot application. Please inform GPCG coordinator of changes during the garden season.
8. Up-keep of the garden plot during the growing season is the responsibility of the gardener or group assigned to the plot. If the plot is not being maintained or weeds are left uncontrolled the gardener will receive a warning. If after receiving a warning there is no change in maintenance to the plot, BADAS reserves the right to release the gardener and to plow under the garden plot. The gardener shall be notified of this action prior to its occurrence and shall NOT receive any reimbursement for costs incurred. The plot may be re-assigned if there is a waiting list.
9. The GPCG follows organic principals. The use of chemical fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides and fungicides is not permitted. ONLY the BADAS Board of Directors is allowed to authorize use of chemical on the fairgrounds.
10. BADAS Requirements:
 - Maintain any unassigned plots
 - Fairgrounds maintenance around the community garden
 - Maintain shared garden equipment (water pump, tillers, hoses)
 - Primary Soil Preparation Prior to Plot Assignment

11. Gardener Requirements:

- Be responsible for the upkeep of the garden plot such as weeding, cleaning up non organic garden aides (stakes, pea fence, row markers, etc.)
- Will NOT use any non-organic fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides, fungicides (If you have a question about a product, ask GPCG Coordinator for clarification)
- Responsible to provide own seeds, plants and gardening tools
- Lock access gate when you are the last one leaving fairgrounds
- All pets at the GPCG will be on leashes and must not interfere with other gardeners or plots
- Advise other gardeners sharing the applicants plot on the operational procedures
- Adhere to the BADAS Abusive Patron Policy (<http://beaumontagsociety.com/facilities.html>)
- All garden plot users will complete a waiver form prior to plot assignment (http://beaumontagsociety.com/documents/BADAS_GeneralWaiver.pdf)
- Attend one orientation session prior to receiving a plot
- Remove all materials and crops by October 14, 2017 when gardens close for season (residual plant matter is ok to leave on plot but non-organic garden aides need to be removed)
- Failure to comply with will result in a warning and could result in loss of garden plot without refund.

12. Advice on how to be a good community garden neighbor

- Do not plant in a manner that your plants will shade or encroach on an adjacent plot
- Roll up hoses, refill water barrels when low, put watering cans away when finished
- Remove or chop up large woody plants (sunflowers and corn stalks) at the end of season
- Be respectful of the variety of different gardening techniques and approaches
- Remove entangled plant material from tillers after use
- Refill fuel on water pump and tillers when low
- Follow directions on the proper use of water pump and tillers
- NOT dispose of diseased plants or weeds that have gone to seed in common compost
- Practice crop rotation and sustainable gardening
- Notify GPCG coordinator of operational & garden issues or suspicious activity

13. For 2017 the GPCG Coordinators are:

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14. Additional information can be found at:

- <http://beaumontagsociety.com/>