

# 2024 Gardening Policy

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## Interim Gardening Policy & Procedure—Summary

Toronto Community Housing (TCHC) has developed an interim procedure to give tenants guidelines about how to access and use community garden spaces at TCHC. This resource summarizes the interim procedure.

- It standardizes an application process for all community gardens and outdoor spaces where tenants are allowed to plant items.
- This process is easy to use, easy to implement, and gives all tenants in a community with a garden an equal opportunity to participate.
- Site selection requirements to establish a new garden are outlined.
- The procedure applies to community gardening activities by tenants and tenant-led groups for the purpose of growing produce or beautifying community garden spaces.
- Tenants who have started gardening for the season must complete the Community Gardening Agreement only.
- Tenants who have not started gardening for the season must complete the Gardening Application Form and Community Gardening Agreement.
- If a tenant gardener or community garden does not follow the rules and restrictions in the procedure, TCHC has the right to revoke authority to use the community garden space at any time. TCHC will try to give seven days' notice if a community garden space is being terminated.
- This procedure was created using best practices. The goal is to eventually bring all gardens into compliance with the procedures. We understand this may take some time.

This is an **interim** procedure and will be used as a test pilot until TCHC establish a formal gardening procedure. We will hold further engagement and consultation with tenants and staff.

