

WELCOME TO THE EAST HILL COMMUNITY GARDEN!

Location

This garden is located on a property adjacent to 900 Shantz Road. Follow 30th Avenue east from 15th Street where it becomes Shantz Road. You will see the garden on the right. The garden is in a lovely rural setting close to residential areas.



Background

In 2008, this garden began as the Greater Vernon Community/School Garden pilot project in partnership with Greater Vernon Parks, Recreation, and Culture (RDNO). It is a private property leased by the Regional District for a community garden and was begun by a group of volunteers who wanted to demonstrate the area's first community garden, as well as involve the students of Silver Star elementary. This was a successful endeavour and with the support of the Food Action Society of the North Okanagan, this garden was to be the first in a proposed "network" of community gardens serving the area.

Amenities

The East Hill garden has 40 allotments for rent annually in three sizes :

5'x20'	= \$20
10'x20'	= \$30
20x20	= \$40

These are traditional garden beds and require maintenance and care. Each gardener has access to a water line, hoses, and tools for sharing. There is a tool shed and room to store some personal items. Soil amendments are made available for sharing when possible; otherwise, each gardener is responsible for bringing in their own. Additionally, any garden implements or structures are to be provided at the gardeners own cost and labour. There is an area for composting garden waste and weeds, as well as picnic tables and umbrellas for shade. A bulletin board is posted to keep gardeners informed and each gardener gets a key to the entry gate and tool shed.

How Do I Get a Garden Allotment?

Registration for new gardeners begins in January of the preceding spring start-up. Any available allotments are distributed on a first come first serve basis. You must register in person at the Recreation Centre front desk. Prior to start up, gardeners are required to attend an orientation - usually the first Saturday in April. Information will be available upon sign-up. Forms can be downloaded from www.greatervernonrecreation.ca

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