



## Yellowknife Community Garden Collective

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Garden Collective

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday October 11, 2001

7:00pm

location to be announced

**All members are required to attend,**

As per the YCGC bylaws

**NOTE:** Anyone failing to attend, or send a proxy, or contact Roxanne Beavers, YCGC co-chair (920-2585) PRIOR to the meeting with a reasonable excuse for not attending will, by bylaw 2b), be expelled. "Members who fail to attend the Annual General Meeting in person or by proxy will not be considered for membership

### Harvest Fair Potluck

A festival had been planned for September 09, to be held at site #2. I am assuming this went ahead as planned and all who attended enjoyed themselves! (Computer issues prevented this newsletter from getting out in time as an invite to everyone.) Thanks to those who were involved for all the organizational effort that went into the event !! Maybe we can get an update at the AGM.

### Composting

Please chop your compost materials before they are put into the compost bins. Chopping speeds up decomposition. If you are unable to chop the compost, please put it in a dark garbage bag beside the compost bin. Note: Ensure that your compost materials are going into the right bin – they should be marked.

### Water

**Water will be turned off September 15, 2001.**

**NOTE:** Although it may not be necessary this gardening season, members may have to pay extra for water costs. [Bylaw 1c]

### Plot Preparation for Winter

Getting your plot ready for next season: If you are returning to the same plot next year, you may want to add manure and other nutrients now, as well as till your soil to prepare the plot for next growing season. If you are not returning to the same plot next year or you are leaving the collective, please clean-up your plot and ensure that all plant material is pulled out, chopped and put into the right compost bin.

### Food Security Groups

Produce from your food security plots can be dropped off at any of the following:

#### Abe Miller Centre

4912 – 53<sup>rd</sup> Street

Delivery Time: 9 AM to 5 PM, Monday to Friday

#### Alison Mcateer House

5708 – 51<sup>st</sup> Ave. (ph: 669-0235)

Delivery Time: anytime

#### Salvation Army

5610 Franklin Ave. (ph: 920-4673)

Delivery Time: 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday to Friday (closed 12:30 – 1:00 for lunch);

10 am to 6 pm Saturday

#### YK Food Bank

4917 Matonabee Street (behind Calvary Community Church)

Delivery Time: Call Pat at 873-5522 after 12:30 to arrange time

#### YK Women's Centre

5020 – 47<sup>th</sup> Street (ph: 873-9131)

Delivery Time: 9 AM to 5 PM, Monday to Friday

### Fall Clean-Up

Thursday,  
September 20th  
7 PM -- Both Sites

Calling all Members !

We need help preparing the two sites for the winter. It's a good opportunity for you to pitch in if you haven't made it to any of the other workbees!

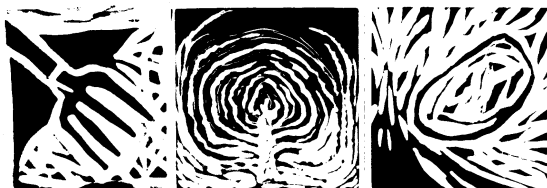


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## Save Money while Growing Your Own Food! by roxanne

At the beginning of the summer I wondered exactly how much produce you could generate from a plot at the community garden, and if one would come out ahead of the game... so, this is a thoroughly unscientific account of the cost of our produce to date (August 18) from our plot and a few containers at our apartment. The prices are what the Co-op had posted (or a best guess on my part) and are often not for organic produce!!

We spent at least \$70 on plants, fish emulsion and bonemeal, manure, and seeds this year, plus the \$25 plot fee = approximately \$95 in costs. As you can see below, even though we haven't harvested the main crops (potatoes, beets, turnips, carrots, kale, and tomatoes), we're still breaking even - we're ahead \$30. While I didn't include the cost of labour, I also had no way of including the intangible benefits of community gardening (meeting people, learning about gardening, exercise, great taste). Check the next newsletter for an update after we bring in the fall veggies!  
(If we could eat horsetail, we'd be making big bucks)



## What Keeps Longest

Topped beets	4 - 6 months
Late cabbage	5 - 6 months
Mature carrots	7-9 months
Celeriac	6 - 8 months
Celery	2-3 months
Garlic	6-7 months
Kohlrabi	2-3 months
Leeks	2-3 months
Dry onions	1-8 months
Parsnips	4-6 months
Hot dry peppers	6 months
Potatoes	5-10 months
Pumpkins	2-3 months
Rutabaga	4-6 months
Turnips	4-5 months

8 bunches herbs (basil, dill, parsley, thyme, mint)	\$1.50 x 6 = \$9
6 bags leaf lettuce	\$3.89 x 6 = \$23.34
8 bags spinach	\$3.50 x 8 = \$28
6 zucchini	\$1.00 x 6 = \$6
10 small tomatoes	\$8
1 bunch chard	\$1.89
4 hot peppers, 2 green peppers	\$3
2 bunches carrots	\$1.89 x 2 = \$3.78
3 pickings garden peas	\$11.99/kg, so \$12
2 pickings sugar snap peas	as above, \$9 ?
5 bunches beet greens	\$1.89 x 5 = \$9.45
3 bunches radishes	\$.75 x 3 = \$2.25
1 lb baby potatoes	\$4.49
bag nasturium flowers	\$5
	total - \$125.20

## Thanks for the Extra Effort !

A big thanks to the following members for the extra effort they put into the garden this growing season! Hope we didn't leave anyone out.

David Rochette	Denis Fontenau
Don Sass	Genevieve Harvey
Holly LaFreniere	Jack Danylchuk
Jackie Lambert	Jamey Coughlin
Jocelyn LeBlanc-Boulet	Joyce Cole
Joyce Gilchrist	Laurie Lapka (and family)
Laurie Morton	Linda Ecklund
Martin Gauvin	Nicole Loubert
Ratna Roy	Stephanie Clavet
Sylvie Hayotte-Rourke	Tim Jenkins
Vera Raschke	



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Questions, comments, concerns ... or for more information about YCGC, including membership, call one of the Board members!

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### Note:

Apologies to anyone who does not receive this newsletter in the mail! Not all mailing addresses were available at time of sending. So, please ask your plot partner(s) if they received the newsletter. If not, please share.



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