

CYPRESS COMMUNITY GARDEN SECTION WORK PARTIES and RESPONSIBILITIES 2021

- A major task of each Section Work Party, including the Spring and Fall Work Party, is **to pick up garbage and to trim grass and plantings on the outside of the Garden Fences. Please remember that grass grows fast each week and the next work party is often weeks away.** Since 2015, our clean up has been reduced as CP Rail cut back the landscaping significantly on what is now the Arbutus Greenway. However the flower and herb borders outside the present north fence of each section and along the curb side between the Burrard and Perennial ends do require grooming and weeding. Each Section is responsible for having tidy borders. If there is a Section gardener experienced at using the weed whacker or lawnmower, the curb grass and grass on the north side need trimming regularly through the spring. As Cypress has adopted the block between Cypress and Burrard and between the curb and the Pedestrian Path on the Greenway, keeping this area clean and trim is important.
- As the task of the Work Parties is to ensure that the *entire* garden is kept attractive for neighbours and the public, members are not permitted to work on individual plots at these times. Special Section Projects like path or fence restoration still requires the whole garden area to be cleaned.
- **Normally, Work parties take place RAIN or SHINE and they last a minimum of 2 hours. While the pandemic has required gardeners to avoid groups and to stagger the time period when they come out...Normally we would require gardeners to arrive on time as the grass and edge-trimming must be completed before the Work Party is finished.**
- Be careful when weeding outside the Section Fence not to dig up plants and perennials that have been planted there and which flower in the spring, summer and fall. The garden has lost gorgeous poppies and other perennials that were 'weeded' without gardeners checking with the Section Rep first. Consult with your Section Rep or a Coordinator if you are not sure what is a weed.
- Gardeners should notify their Section Reps **prior** to the Work Party on their ability to attend. Gardeners must arrange alternate work, weeding or grass cutting to make up for a missed event in order to participate in or make up for 4 Work Parties of 2 hours each through the growing season.
- Bring an environmentally responsible bag or receptacle for picking up litter such as cans, Styrofoam cups, bottles, etc. **Wear or bring long pants and closed-toed shoes** for weeding, edging, and grass cutting or weed-whacking. Bring **rain gear** if necessary, **gloves** and your garden tools.
- Tools used in the garden at the beginning of the Party must be **cleaned and returned** at the end of the Party. There is a shovel in each section but clippers, hand trowels and other tools are the responsibility of individual gardeners. **Note: the gas weed-eater and accessories bag, and the lawnmower are returned to the designated areas at the condo on 6th.**
- Cuttings and Trimmings in brown recyclable bags go to the Burrard end for city pick up. **Make sure bags are not too heavy or they won't be picked up. Place the bags on the pavers not the grass.** And...—**NO garbage or non-green stuff in them. Fold the brown bags over so that they don't fill with water if it rains.**