

Ontario garden plot fee market analysis 2023:			
Date	Municipality/Garden	Fee	Size
11-May	Trillium Good Earth in Waterloo	\$ 15	10'X12'
11-May	Free Spirit Community Gardens in Collingwood	\$ 50	10' x 15'
11-May	Oak Street garden in Kingston	\$ 20	10' x 10'
11-May	Whitby Ajax garden project	\$ 60	30' x 4'
11-May	Kirkham Allotment Garden in Markham	\$ 75	18m2
11-May	Durham Region - gardens in priority neighbourhoods	\$20-\$25	5' x 25'
11-May	Durham Region - gardens in non-priority neighbourhoods	\$50-\$60	4' x 30'
11-May	Centre Wellington	\$ 35	5m2
11-May	Vaughan	free currently	8' x 10'
11-May	Peterborough	\$5 - \$30	10' x 10'
12-May	Waterloo Region Community Garden Network	varies	
12-May	Jo-Jo's Community Garden in Stittsville - Ottawa	\$ 60	10 x 20
		\$ 45	10 x 10
		\$ 35	10 x 5
		\$ 25	5 x 5
		\$ 25	2 x 6 trug
17-May	Oakville community gardens	\$100.11	4mx6m
18-May	Burlington community gardens	\$ 63	6' x 12'

Any increase lately/expected
Increased from \$45 in 2022
We have not changed the fee in years. We also get a small grant from the city each year which helps cover some of our costs.
Members are expected to take care of 2 community plots (of similar size) in which produce for donation to local food banks is grown. We increased our fee a couple years ago and don't expect to increase it further in the near future.
14 x 14
7 'x 7'
May begin charging \$40 TBC in 2024
They have stayed fairly steady in price over the years, but I know some gardens did raise them slightly to cover rising costs of some of the garden resources. We encourage them to keep the cost accessible and it can be waived if it would be a barrier to participation for folks living on low incomes
Fee is based on ability to pay and volunteer work. How is this evaluated? City of Burlington offers fee assistance for rec programs, free or discounted facility rentals if open to the public and/or non-profit group, but folks need to apply.
We advise the gardeners at the time we send out the contracts that if they are experiencing financial difficulties, we would handle their situation with discretion and they would not have to pay.
Tax included. The price increases annually subject to Council approval at budget meetings – for example, the 2022 fee was \$95.71 (tax inclusive).
Did not increase the \$46 fee between 2022-23, but did add a \$10 + tax personal liability insurance fee for \$62.80 total plot cost. Recommendation not to increase for 2024 as COB is at the high end for smaller plot sizes. Most plot sizes offered are larger and fees vary, but are mostly lower.