



## SHARE vs. RENTAL PLOT MEMBERSHIPS

The **Ridgway Community Garden** (RCG) has been a "Community Share Garden" since 2007. A limited number of rental plots are also available on a first come first serve basis each year. Please keep in mind that you can choose to be a Share Garden member, a Rental Plot member or BOTH!

### **If you are a Share Garden Member:**

- You choose to work collectively with other garden members as part of a team, which grows a particular family of vegetables.
- Teams meet and work together weekly throughout the growing season.
- You will typically work 2 hours per week and additionally at one community work day per month.
- The garden plots will have irrigation pipe running to them, plus drip tape or soaker hose for each bed.
- For this work and involvement you pay a nominal fee of \$55 to the garden each year, which goes to support infrastructure, land lease, purchase of tools and their upkeep, purchase of seeds and starts, etc. There are no paid members in the garden.

### What you get from a Share Garden membership:

- A well planned and organized garden infrastructure
- Great soil / amendments, seeds and starts from local growers, use of tools and supplies and water donated by the town of Ridgway
- One full share of the harvest based on your work input
- A great learning and teaching environment for the beginning and seasoned gardener

### **If you are a Garden Rental Plot Member:**

- To rent a garden plot, you must first become a member of RCG for a nominal fee of \$55 per year. This membership comes with the option to participate as a Share Garden member but is not a requirement.
- You garden on an individual level or with a gardening partner and may choose between a 4 by 10 plot for a \$50 fee or a 4 by 20 plot for a \$100 fee.
- You may plant any organic produce you wish.
- You will be required to contribute 8 work hours per season to the Share Garden during community garden workdays – this will include one Spring work session and one Fall work session. Rental Plot members who wish to participate as Share Garden members must also abide by those additional work requirements.

### What you get from a Rental Plot membership:

- A well planned and organized garden infrastructure
- Great soil, free amendments, no cost for water tapped to your garden bed
- All of the produce you can grow
- A great learning environment for the beginner and the seasoned gardener
- The opportunity to participate as a Share Garden member at no additional cost

**Applications and the RGC code of conduct are posted at**  
[www.ridgwaygarden.com/garden-application.html](http://www.ridgwaygarden.com/garden-application.html)