

YIMBY: Yard Sharing Considerations

Source: The Stop Community Food Centre

Started in 2009, Yes In My Back Yard (YIMBY) is a yard sharing program which connects people looking to grow more of their own food but lacking the land to yard owners with extra space. This document outlines the questions we suggest each YIMBY pair ask when establishing their garden match.

When working out your garden match, you and your garden-partner will want to consider the following things. We recommends that you work out an agreement together, before starting the gardening, so that you have a common understanding about how your garden partnership will work.

Time Considerations

- How many hours per week will the garden space be available?
- On which days of the week?
- What time(s) of the day?

Tool Considerations

- Do you have tools to share?
- Where will they be stored?

Soil Considerations

- Is there enough soil?
- Who will pay for soil amendments?
- What types of amendments or additives are acceptable? (Note that The Stop Community Food Centre encourages organic gardening practices, and that the Ontario Cosmetic Pesticides Act prohibits the use of most synthetic pesticides in home gardens).

Seeds / Transplants

- Who will provide the seeds and/or transplants?
- How will decisions be made about what is grown?

Water Considerations

- Can the gardener use the hose and water?
- Who does the watering?
- When?



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Harvest Considerations

- Who will harvest the food?
- How will the harvest be distributed?

Privacy and Security Considerations

- Who can enter the garden? (children, partners, friends, pets)
- What space can be used? (shed, basement, bathroom)
- What about locks and gates?
- Emergency contact numbers?