

Pest Patrol

Banff Community Greenhouse

As a community greenhouse, we are all responsible for our plots, to keep them healthy and thriving. Not only for our own selves, but for the sake of our neighbouring plots and all plots within this delicate environment.

Following is a system that has been devised from input and information from our 2011 season.

1. First and foremost, you are responsible for the health and upkeep of your plot. We noticed that the healthiest plots last season were ones that were visited on a daily basis. This may not be possible in everyone's situation but once every two days is strongly recommended.

- If you notice something that appears to be a pest or a plant disease on your plot, please inform the committee by emailing us at banffgreenhouse@gmail.com as soon as possible.
- If it's something unfamiliar to you, ask around. We have a lot of long time gardeners in the greenhouse and information sharing would be beneficial to everyone.
- Finally, if you feel the problem is out of control and cannot be fixed, please respect others and pull the plant out. Dispose of the plant in the compost bins provided by the Town of Banff.
- Make sure the plant is taken out of the greenhouse!

2. If you notice a pest or disease on someone else's plot, there are a few options:

- If the plot holder is there, speak to them about it. They may not know it can affect the health of the plant or plot. We're here to help each other out.
- If the plot holder is not there and you feel the problem is not immediately serious, place a YELLOW tag in the plot with the date and what you think the problem is, to inform the plot holder.
- If the plot holder is not there and you feel the problem is serious, place a RED tag in the plot with the date and what you think the problem is, to inform the plot holder.

3. If you find a YELLOW or RED tag in your plot:

YELLOW: You have 4 days to address the problem.

RED: You have 2 days to address the problem.

Ask for help, ask around, research the problem etc. Feel free to share this information with the rest of the gardeners via the chalkboard, or by emailing the gmail account and we can forward it on to everyone.

4. If the problem has not been addressed within the allotted time, we will have a dedicated group of pest patrollers that will pull the plant out and dispose of it.

Last season we had a very serious pest problem that some folks were very vigilant about. It made it frustrating to these folks that neighbouring plots were infested with no sight of plot holders around.

It is your responsibility to care for your plot.