



COTTONWOOD COMMUNITY GARDEN Rules & Regulations

1. Community garden plots must be gardened and maintained on a consistent basis. Community gardens are public spaces and must be maintained through the year. Gardeners whose plots are weedy or unattended will be notified in writing and asked to remedy the problems with their plot by a specified date.
2. Temporary garden structures such as hoop houses, trellises and tomato cages are permitted if they do not encroach upon paths, community spaces, or neighboring plots. Please orient your structures and plantings to avoid casting shade on adjoining plots. Other than hoop houses used for winter gardening, all structures are to be removed during the winter and when a plot is vacated.
3. The Cottonwood Community Garden is an organic garden. No synthetic chemicals including herbicides, pesticides, or chemical fertilizers are allowed unless they are listed on the Organic Materials Review Institute (OMRI) product list. A copy of the list is available for review in the City Clerk's office or online at the following link: www.omri.org
4. Gardeners must be in the garden while watering. Water within your plot only and do not let the water seep or flood neighboring plots or paths. Water conservation is highly encouraged--water when it is coolest (mornings or evenings.)
5. Crops grown in garden plots are for home use and must be legal. Aggressive growing plants such as mint, horseradish, ivy, holly, morning glories, etc., are not allowed to be planted in the community garden due to their invasive nature.
6. No railroad ties or tires are allowed in the community garden.
7. Each gardener is responsible for dealing with the garden material generated from their garden plot. Gardeners must compost within their own garden plot. Bringing food scraps from home to compost in your plot, including cooked foods, meats, dairy, eggs, or bones is strictly prohibited. Compost piles should be regularly turned and watered to promote active composting and avoid creating a habitat for rats, mice, and cockroaches.

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8. Garden plots are assigned by the garden manager and may not be transferred without the garden manager's permission. If more than one person is gardening in a plot, co-gardeners must be added to the primary plot holder's account. Plot holders must notify the garden manager if they wish to transfer their plot to a co-gardener.
9. Garden participants are required to volunteer at least two hours a month in the community garden to help weed and maintain the common and unused areas of the garden. It is the responsibility of the plot holder to report volunteer hours to the garden manager. I understand that the Community Garden Manager will assign me a specific area that I will be responsible for weeding and keeping clean and free of debris.
10. Children must be accompanied by an adult in the garden. Do not leave children unsupervised.
11. No dogs are allowed in the community garden.
12. When a plot holder vacates an assigned plot they must notify the garden manager and remove all plants, weeds, and temporary structures from the plot.
13. In the fall (October) garden plots must be cleaned and all dead plant materials and temporary structures such as trellises and tomato cages removed.
14. Gardeners are expected to adhere to the Cottonwood Community Garden policies and procedures. If gardeners are found to be in non-compliance, they will be sent a letter notifying them of any problems or complaints and asked to take action by a specified date. Gardeners who receive three notices a year must vacate their assigned plot.