

Common Community Garden Rules

1. Garden Plot Use

- Plots must be actively used and maintained.
- If a plot appears neglected for a certain period (usually 2–4 weeks), it may be reassigned.
- Plots are not transferable without garden coordinator approval.

2. Maintenance Responsibilities

- Gardeners are responsible for weeding, watering, and harvesting their plots. If you are unable to tend your plot you may hire a GSG assistant to do it for you.
- Gardeners must maintain paths and borders around their plot to keep them clean and clear.
- All tools should be cleaned and returned to the shed/storage area after use. If a tool is broken you are responsible for replacing it immediately.

3. Weed & Pest Control

- No chemical pesticides or herbicides unless approved.
- Organic gardening methods are typically required.
- Composting is encouraged; food waste should be composted properly or taken home. We have a community compost area for members on site.

4. Harvesting Rules

- Only harvest from your own plot unless otherwise agreed.
- Shared plots should have posted guidelines or labels about what can be picked.

5. Respect for Others

- Be courteous and avoid stepping on or touching others' plants.
- No loud music or disruptive behavior.
- Children must be supervised.

6. Garden Access

- Open during daylight hours (schedule to be provided).
- No unauthorized guests or pets inside garden areas.

7. Clean-Up and Seasonal Tasks

- At the end of the growing season, remove all non-biodegradable materials (stakes, string, decorations). Make sure to compost all organic material. Unless you have a hoop house and plan to grow through the extended seasons.
- Reserve your next season's plot for the best selection of plots.
- Turn in garden tools and clean up your area.

8. Water Use

- Use water responsibly; don't leave hoses running.
- Watering schedules may be implemented during dry months.

9. Meetings and Workdays

- Participation in community workdays (e.g., spring prep, fall cleanup) is required.
- Attend garden meetings to stay updated and give input.

10. Code of Conduct

- No illegal substances, alcohol, or smoking in the garden.
- Treat fellow gardeners with respect and report conflicts to the coordinator.



Optional Add-ons

- **Plot Fees:** Annual dues to cover water, tools, and supplies.
- **Volunteer Hours:** Minimum number of community hours per season.
- **Donation Areas:** Some gardens donate extra produce to food banks or neighbors in need.
- Hire a GCG assistant to till your plot
- Hire a GCG assistant to water/weed your plot in the event you are unable to come to the garden.
- Hire a GCG assistant to build your plot
- Hire GCG to pick up and deliver your supplies from your home or a big box store.