

Garden Rules

I. Membership

- A. Our garden is all volunteer and relies on the labor, time and love of members.
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 - i. Applicants for membership submit the membership registration form.
 - ii. Applicants and renewing members confirm reviewing the bylaws and rules, pay the annual fee, join a work team (open hours, compost, community plots, sidewalk maintenance, etc.), and agree to come to at least four Community Garden days, attend an orientation, and honor the garden's bylaws and rules.

II. Garden Days

- A. Regularly scheduled Community Garden Days are announced at the Annual General Membership Meeting, and include a Membership Meeting at which garden business is discussed.
- B. Credit for attendance requires participating in both the gardening chores and the meeting.

III. Children

- A. Adults must accompany visitors under 18.
- B. Members (or their designated caregivers) who bring children must, like all other members, keep the gates open while they are visiting. They must supervise the children closely to protect them and our garden.
- C. For safety reasons, only professional arborists climb our trees.
- D. Toys and other children's items must be put away before leaving.

IV. Keys

A. Locks are changed annually. There is a fee for a lost key, and replacements are provided at the convenience of the membership coordinator. Members who do not renew must return the key.

V. Individual Plots

- A. Our individual plots are supervised by a coordinator who maintains a first-come, first-served waiting list for members desiring to become stewards.
- B. Individuals who are stewarding plots automatically join the broader garden watering team, in addition to the team they chose at membership.
- C. Plot stewards keep the walkways around their plots free of weeds and litter, and share general responsibility for watering the whole garden, under the supervision of the Watering and Weeding team leader.
- D. Plot stewards forfeit plots that are not planted by May 1. A member at the top of the waiting list when a plot becomes available may elect to pass, but maintain his or her position on the waiting list.
- E. Members are not allowed to work in another member's planting area without prior approval of that member.
- F. Those unable to harvest their crops should post a green sign in their plot or make arrangements with other garden members or contact the plot coordinator so that harvestable crops are not wasted.

VI. Community Plots

A. The community plots are supervised by a coordinator, who oversees planting and assigns team members to weed and water. Any member can harvest from community plots.

VII. Events

- A. Gatherings with more than six guests must be approved by the events coordinator.
- B. There are no private parties. Gates must remain open, and the host-member must allow others to enjoy the garden.
- C. The host-member is also responsible for restoring the garden to order, including removing any trash, cleaning grills and tools, and putting tables and chairs where they belong.

VIII. Reimbursements

A. To qualify for reimbursement, an expenditure must be approved by the treasurer and two other members of the Steering Committee.

IX. Dogs

- A. Members in good standing may bring dogs that have been registered with the garden. Dogs must be accompanied by their owners at all times and kept on a leash. Dogs may not use the garden as a place to urinate or defecate.
- B. The garden's dog rules and registration form are available from the membership coordinator(s) and must be read and filled out before a dog is allowed in the garden.

X. Chickens

- A. We care for and respect the chickens. Please do not chase, tease, or intentionally startle the chickens.
- B. You must be a trained member of the chicken team to take care of the chickens, or enter the coop
- C. You can sign up to join the chicken team; participate in training; and be scheduled for shifts based on your availability and at the team leader's discretion.

- D. The chickens would love your vegetable scraps. You can leave them in the metal bin next to the coop. Please no avocados, onions or garlic, raw potatoes, or raw legumes; everything else is welcome.
- E. Should the garden membership determine we no longer want chickens in the garden, the chicken team will democratically make a decision about where the chickens will go.

GARDEN RULES (to be posted in the garden)

The Community Garden is a special place. To keep it as wonderful as possible, please abide by the following rules.

1. The garden is meant to be shared. **KEEP THE GATES OPEN WHEN YOU ARE HERE.** When you leave, either lock them or make sure other members are present and ready to do so when they leave.
2. Children, bring your grownups! We ask anyone under 18 to bring an adult when visiting the garden. Children's caregivers are welcome and must adhere to the garden rules, including keeping the gates open and cleaning up after children (toys, etc.).
3. We care for and respect our plants and generous but fragile trees. There can be no climbing trees or stepping into plant beds. Please stay on the paths.
4. Dogs must be registered with our membership coordinator before being brought into the garden. We welcome leashed dogs that do not dig, graze, or use the garden as a bathroom.
5. Everyone loves our flowers. Please, no picking.
6. Please be considerate when harvesting edible plants in the community plots: Leave some for the next member. Also, please remember not to pick anything from the private plots.

7. Always try to leave the garden nicer than you found it. We live by the campground rule: take only great memories, leave only footprints (on the paths!).

8. Stay safe! Any act that may reasonably be judged to cause harm, compromise safety or endanger people in the garden is prohibited.

9. No smoking or illegal drug use.

10. Please keep noise to a minimum. Let the birds and the wind speak louder.

11. Locks are expensive. Please protect them by locking them back onto the gates — even when the gates are open.