

Rules and Guidelines for Renting a Plot at Good Earth Community Garden

Please keep this copy for your information
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Good Earth is an organic community garden. We hope everyone's gardening experience is positive, where personal respect, mutual harmony and a sense of community is shared by all. Please help us to make this resource an enjoyable and productive experience by respecting other gardeners, the plots and the common areas.

- Plots are assigned in the order applications are received.
- We rent 12 higher access plots - available first come, first served - for those with special needs.
- Gardening may begin after attending a mandatory orientation.
- If your plot hasn't been planted by June 1st, please contact the Garden Manager. Otherwise, it will be considered abandoned and will be rented to another person. Rental fees will not be refunded.
- Plots must be cleaned out before December 1st. Winterizing instructions will be shared.
- Gardeners are asked to volunteer a minimum of 2 hours a month however you're able. (See Volunteer opportunities). Monthly work parties will begin in April and serve as a way for folks to contribute.

Rules & Guidelines

1. Keep your garden within your assigned plot. Weed regularly in and around your plot.
2. Stakes and trellises must be kept below 48 inches and not block your neighbor's sunlight.
3. Plant only legal crops. Perennials may be planted with full understanding they must be pulled out by 12/1.
4. Plants and flowers grown are for home use, not for re-sale.
5. Thick rooted plants are not allowed in the cinder block holes.
6. Water appropriately within your own plot and turn off the spigot completely after use. Use of automatic watering systems and timers are not permitted.
7. The Garden Manager is looking out for the health of the garden as a whole and will contact you to help resolve issues if problems are seen in your plot.
8. Only OMRI (Organic Material Review Institute) pesticide/herbicide products are allowed. Contact the Garden Manager (via the email address above) with questions about pests or plant disease. More information will be shared at orientation.
9. Compost and soil are provided by Good Earth. Please do not bring in outside amendments.
10. Clean and return all gardening tools, buckets, shovels, etc. to the shed.
11. Take your personal trash home with you.
12. Garbage bins in the parking area and near the compost bins are only for diseased, seed-ripe plants or weeds.
13. Children must be supervised by an adult.
14. NO smoking, glass bottles, alcohol, loud music or loud cell phone talking. Be respectful of others.
15. Keep pathways free of hoses, tools & debris.
16. Only service animals are allowed in the garden. Dogs must be under control and their "business" taken care of outside of the fence. Please request a Service Animal Form to complete and submit.

If you have issues with another gardener, please try to work it out respectfully. If there is no resolution, contact the Garden Manager, and/or you may contact SCCGA in writing. A grievance policy is posted in the shed.

Members who don't abide by these guidelines will be contacted by the Board of Directors. If there is no response, correction, or request for help within a week, Good Earth retains the right to dissolve the plot agreement, cancel membership and reassign the plot, with no refund of fees. If you find you cannot garden or comply with these guidelines due to personal circumstances, please contact the Garden Manager for assistance. We will work with your individual needs.

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