



COTTONWOOD COMMUNITY GARDEN Policies & Regulations

1. Community Garden plots (16' x 16' or 8' x 16') are assigned by the Community Garden Manager and may not be transferred without notifying the Garden Manager and a new agreement signed by the transferee.
2. No structures such as plastic portable "tool sheds," site built tool sheds or storage compartments, or raised beds constructed of materials other than 2 x 4 or 2 x 6 wood, may be brought in or constructed onsite without permission of the Garden Manager.

Temporary garden structures such as hoop houses, trellises, tomato cages, pots, raised beds, and *garden* furniture (i.e., chairs and tables) are permitted if they do not encroach upon pathways, community spaces, or neighboring plots. If garden furniture is light enough to be moved or blown away by wind gusts, such garden furniture must be secured so as not to be blown onto 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. 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 either by email or in writing and asked to remedy the problems with their plot by a specified date.
4. 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 online at the following link: www.omri.org
5. 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.)
6. No flowers or plants may be planted along the fence or common pathway areas, as they impede the access along the pathways to the plots. Please do not place/plant any plants on the edge of your interior garden plot perimeter that will overgrow into the pathways. That little plant will grow 2-3 feet wide!

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7. 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. Crops grown in garden plots are for home use and must be legal.
8. No railroad ties or tires are allowed in the community garden.
9. Each gardener is responsible for dealing with the garden material generated from their garden plot. A waste container is located at the front of the garden to dispose of garden debris. Gardeners must compost within their own garden plot or in an area agreed upon by the Garden Manager. Bringing food scraps from home to compost in your plot, including cooked foods, meats, dairy, eggs, or bones is strictly prohibited.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. Children must be accompanied by an adult in the garden. Do not leave children unsupervised.
13. No dogs are allowed in the community garden.
14. 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.
15. In the fall (end of October) garden plots must be cleaned and all dead plant materials and temporary structures such as trellises and tomato cages removed.
16. If gardeners are found to be in non-compliance with the garden policies and regulations, 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.
17. ABANDONED PLOTS: if your plot has not been tended to (watered, weeded or produce harvested) for a consecutive period of 30 days, it will be deemed abandoned and made available for lease to another party.