



## Community Garden Rules

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### Garden Rules for the City of Rosemead Community Garden

Thank you for your interest in joining the Rosemead Community Garden! The Rosemead Community Garden consists of 26 plots that are available for license by households. The Garden is a shared space and, therefore, it is important that everyone agrees to the rules on how to maintain the garden and its shared areas, as well as cultivate positive relationships between community members. Gardening here is a privilege and each Gardener is expected to respect the land, fellow Gardeners, and neighbors. These Garden rules will be reviewed every 12 months to ensure that they reflect the specific needs of the garden.

#### **Garden Hours, Maintenance, and Tools**

1. Gardeners may access the garden from 8am to dusk, Monday through Sunday, except for city observed holidays. Gardeners are responsible for locking the gate behind them. Keys and combinations are strictly for personal use and must not be shared with others.
2. Gardeners must plant their plot within 15 days of the plot being assigned and agree to garden year-round.
3. If Gardeners are unable to tend the plot due to illness or travel, then arrangements must be made for someone else to tend the plot and the *Garden Leadership Team* must be notified.
4. Gardeners must keep their plot, paths, and surrounding areas clean and free of trash and debris. Structures of any kind (including greenhouses, trellises, or fences) are not allowed in plots. Furniture (such as chairs, umbrellas, or benches) are not allowed in plots. Gardeners must keep the plot free of weeds, pests, and diseases. Because of the communal nature of a community garden, this is necessary to control against invasions of the whole garden.
5. Plants must remain within the clearly defined boundaries of each plot. Gardeners may not plant trees (of any kind) in their plots nor plants taller than 4 feet. Plants are only to be planted in raised bed areas.
6. Gardeners must not apply any pesticides, insecticides, or herbicides in the garden without approval from the Garden Leadership Team. Organic gardening promotes the health of our produce, soil, and fellow Gardeners.
7. It is prohibited to cultivate/grow Hemp plants.
8. Gardeners are responsible for removing their trash and/or recyclables from the Garden.

9. Gardening tools will not be provided by the City. Toolsheds are provided and may be used for the storage of your personal gardening equipment. The City is not responsible for the loss of equipment that is stored in the shed. The shed must be locked after each use to ensure the safety and condition of the equipment inside.
10. Please conserve water and use a trigger-operated nozzle on the hose, as required by California law. Notify the Garden Leadership Team of any leaks. Maintain your raised bed to conserve water and do not water your plot more than three times per week.
11. Leave all hoses coiled near the water spigots.
12. Plots are assigned based on the date and time that a Community Garden Application is received by the City. Only one plot will be assigned per household. Preference for assignment of plots will be given to the following groups: (1) Rosemead residents residing within 500 feet of the Garden; (2) Rosemead residents; (3) All others, with up to 30% of plots to be assigned to those in Group (1). Applications can be filled out at the Rosemead Community Recreation Center.
13. The plot fee is \$60 per year and is due in full upon assignment to a Garden plot and execution of the Community Garden Application. The plot fee will be reassessed annually to ensure that it covers the cost of the water bills and basic Garden maintenance.
14. If all plots have been assigned, an applicant will be placed on a waitlist. The Garden Leadership Team will maintain this waitlist.
15. Once a plot has been assigned, the Gardener will be provided with the information needed to access the Garden (combinations, locks, etc.) Please do not share this information with anyone who is not a registered Gardener with the Rosemead Community Garden.
16. Plots are assigned for a 12-month period. Renewal is not automatic and is contingent upon the Gardener's having abided by the Garden Rules After a plot has been renewed one time, it may be given to someone on the garden waitlist.
17. Fees will not be refunded.

#### **Mutual Respect**

18. Gardeners must not take food, plants, or materials from other Gardeners' plots.
19. Gardeners must not water, weed, or cultivate another Gardener's plot without express permission from that plot's main Gardener.
20. Gardeners must not use abusive or profane language nor discriminate against others for any reason, including but not limited to: age, race, religion, national origin, gender, sex, sexual orientation, political affiliation, or ability.
21. Gardeners' guests and visitors may enter the Garden only if accompanied by the main Gardener. Guests and visitors must follow all rules, terms, and conditions stated here.
22. All children under 18 years must be supervised by a responsible adult.

23. Alcohol, tobacco, and illegal drugs are prohibited in the Garden. Anyone found to be under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs will forfeit their gardening rights.
24. Possession of dangerous chemicals, harmful substances, and firearms is prohibited at all times.
25. Pets are not allowed in the Garden.
26. Community events may only be held in the Garden with the permission of the Garden Leadership Team.
27. Headphones must be used if playing music in the Garden, except for at a community event with the permission of the Garden Leadership Team.
28. Gardeners may not collect money or organize raffles without the permission of the Garden Leadership Team.

### **Safety**

29. Please report any accidents or vandalism promptly to a member of the Garden Leadership Team.
30. In case of fire or another emergency, please call 911.
31. For city services call (626) 569-2160

### **Consequences for Violating the Garden Rules**

32. Gardeners may be asked to leave the Garden for:
  - a. Violating the stated rules
  - b. Neglecting to maintain their plot
  - c. Harassment, discrimination, physical or verbal abuse of any party affiliated with the Garden
33. Disciplinary action will include:
  - a. A documented verbal warning will be given in a one-on-one meeting following the first incident.
  - b. A written warning will be given following the second incident.
  - c. In the event of a third incident, the Gardener will be asked to leave the Garden permanently.
34. Upon dismissal, dues will not be returned. Gardener may take plants from their plot and leave the plot in good condition.