



Sylvan Ranch Community Garden

Membership and Plot Sign Up Form

Thank-you for your interest in the Sylvan Ranch Community Garden and for taking the time to apply for a Garden Plot and/or Garden Membership. You must be a member of the Sylvan Ranch Community Garden in order to apply for a garden plot. You do not have to have a plot to be a member and receive membership benefits.

Read carefully the rules and procedures on the back of this form before signing this application. Failure to follow them can result in termination of this agreement and forfeiture of any payments that have been made.

Payment is due with this form. **Make check or money order payable to: Sylvan Ranch Community Garden.** Payment does not guarantee plot assignment. Plots will be awarded as they become available and are awarded at the discretion of the Garden Committee.

Gardener(s) must attend an orientation on the garden procedures, safety, composting, organic gardening and volunteer commitment before working in the garden and receiving the gate combinations.

Gardener(s) Names (please list names of all family members that will be gardening):

I/We are applying for (check one): Membership only (\$25.00) Membership and Garden Plot (\$50.00)

Residence Address: _____

Mailing Address (if different): _____

Phone Numbers: Home: _____ Work: _____
 Cell: _____ Other: _____

E-mail Address: _____

In case of emergency please contact:

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Relationship: _____

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Information provided on this form will be used by the Garden Committee for communication with the gardeners.

- I give permission to include my contact information in the gardener's directory.
- I **do not** give permission to include my contact information in the gardener's directory.

The undersigned, in consideration of participation in the Community Garden, agree to indemnify and hold the Sylvan Ranch Community Garden, REACH, and the City of Citrus Heights harmless and release them from any and all liability for injury which may be suffered by the above persons and their guests, arising out of, or in any way connected with participation in the garden. I have read and understand the garden rules and have signed the Sylvan Ranch Community Garden Waiver and Liability of Release.

I HEREBY REPRESENT THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE. I/WE FULLY UNDERSTAND THAT I/WE ASSUME ALL RISKS FOR ANY INJURIES RECEIVED.

 Gardener(s) Signature(s) _____
 Date

 ** Administrative Use Only **

Membership Fee: _____ Plot Fee: _____ For Year: _____

Assigned Plot Number(s): _____ Paid: Cash Check #: _____

Orientation Attended (date): _____ Committee member: _____

Sylvan Ranch Community Garden Rules and Procedures

The Rules and Procedures of the Sylvan Ranch Community Garden are intended to provide guidelines for the optimum use of the Garden. Any rule changes or up-dates will be provided to garden members and plot holders in writing. Please read these rules fully and apply them.

1. Garden plots are available for the **personal use** of local residents. Priority will be given to Citrus Heights residents and community groups. Plots may not be used to grow crops for sale.
2. Plots will be leased on a **first come first serve basis** and assigned by the Garden Committee. Second plots will be assigned only after all applicants have leased one plot. Plots may be shared but no subleasing is permitted.
3. Plot payments in the amount set by the Steering Committee are due annually in January or when the lease agreement is signed. **Fees are non-refundable.**
4. **Invasive or poisonous plants, trees, bamboo, or illegal plants may not be planted.** Garden plots will be kept clear of any noxious weeds and debris as defined in Garden guidelines.
5. **Personal items** are permitted in the garden plots but are placed at the risk of the plot holder.
6. Gardeners shall not use any chemical fertilizers, pesticides or herbicides. **Only organic** supplements and pest control methods will be used per Garden guidelines that will be provided.
7. **No alcohol, smoking, illegal drugs or weapons of any kind are permitted in the Garden.**
8. **Gardening and watering** is restricted to your own plot. You must be present while watering or use a timed drip system. Be careful not to drag hoses and tools across other plots or walkways.
9. Gardeners with poorly maintained plots will be given written notification to their address on record. A 7-day grace period will be given to allow correction of the problems. Lease agreements for **poorly maintained plots may be terminated** and reassigned at the discretion of the Garden Committee. Decisions may be appealed for reconsideration. No refunds will apply.
10. Each plot holder shall **maintain pathways** around their plot and keep them clear of weeds and obstructions. Plots shall not be widened to encroach upon the pathways and common areas.
11. **Children must be accompanied by an adult** and well supervised while on site for their safety and in consideration of other gardeners.
12. **No pets are allowed** in the garden; however service animals are permitted. No dog or cat waste shall be used as fertilizer. Service animal waste must be removed immediately.
13. Tools are to be put **away** when you are finished using them. Turn off faucets, lock tool shed and gates, and scramble the lock combination(s).
14. Each gardener agrees to participate as a member of the Garden community. Each plot holder will be responsible for **contributing 10 hours annually toward the maintenance and operation** of the Garden. This may include maintenance of common areas, development of new facilities, arranging or conducting educational programs, serving on the Garden Committee, or participating in group workdays and fundraising activities.
15. Gardeners are expected to cooperate in respect for other gardeners. Excessive noise and vulgar language is not permitted. Violations should be reported to the Garden Committee for resolution.
16. **Gardeners participate at their own risk.** All participants and visitors whether annual or temporary must be registered prior to working in the garden and must sign a waiver of liability prior to participating. It is recommended that Gardeners have a current tetanus shot prior to working in the Garden.

Complaints regarding infractions against these rules and procedures should be sent in writing to:

Garden Committee
Sylvan Ranch Community Garden
P.O. Box 1446
Citrus Heights, CA 95611