

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
c/o 6530 Grey Oak Ct.
Citrus Heights, CA 95621