



COMMUNITY GARDENS OF SANTA CLARITA PLOT RENTAL AGREEMENT

The Community Gardens of Santa Clarita endeavors to provide a peaceful, welcoming place where participants can plant and tend their garden. It is important to always remember that you have close neighbors and cooperation among gardeners is essential to everyone's enjoyment of the Gardens.

AGREEMENT:

1. Once assigned a plot I will attend a garden tour with the Plot Manager and a mandatory 90 minute orientation with the Education Chair.
2. Once assigned a plot I will commence cultivation within three (3) weeks.
3. I will pay a \$50 annual fee for a 10'x10' gardening plot or \$100 for a 10'x20' gardening plot.
4. I will pay a one time refundable cleaning deposit fee \$25 for a 10 x 10 ' gardening plot or \$50 for a 10' x 20' gardening plot.
5. I will consistently garden, cultivate, and manage my plot year-round.
6. I will only use organic gardening methods. No pesticides or other harsh chemicals are permitted.
7. I will participate in a minimum of **twelve (12) work hours per year** to maintain the Community Gardens.
8. I will not smoke, consume alcohol, use drugs or play loud music in the Gardens.
9. I will not grow trees, shrubs, invasive or illegal plants in my plot. My plants will be kept within the perimeter of my plot and I understand that any fencing of my plot may not exceed 36 inches in height.
10. I understand that any materials used in the plot including structures must be approved by the Garden Council.
11. I understand only vegetables, herbs and flowers shall be grown in the plots.
12. A majority of the plants in my plot must be vegetables and herbs.
13. I will always have my pets on a leash in the Gardens and clean up after them.
14. I will supervise children that I bring to the Gardens and will be responsible for my guests or helpers. I will not disclose the gate combinations to non-members of the Community Gardens of Santa Clarita.
15. I understand that the Gardens are open sunrise to sunset 7 days a week.
16. I agree to return all borrowed tools or equipment to the shed before I leave the site each day.
17. I agree not to create problems, talk about other gardeners or disrespect any member of the Gardens.
18. I agree not to interfere with or touch any other gardener's plot without their express permission to do so. Any disputes are to be referred to the Garden Council whose resolution will be accepted as final.
19. I understand that the Community Gardens is not responsible for my actions. I therefore agree to hold harmless the Community Gardens or anyone else associated with the Gardens for any liability, damage, loss or claim that occurs.

Maintaining a healthy garden plot requires constant attention. I agree that failure to attend to my plot in a consistent manner, failure to complete required work hours, failure to comply with the rules and guidelines of this Agreement may result in my dismissal from the Gardens, forfeiture of any residual rent and termination of this Agreement immediately. Should I vacate my plot for any reason, I will leave the area in planting condition and all personal items will be removed prior to relinquishing the plot or I will forfeit my cleaning deposit. The Community Gardens will not be responsible for any personal items left in the plot.

I acknowledge receipt of these rules and guidelines and confirm that I have read and understand the agreement for participation in the Community Garden of Santa Clarita.

Gardener's Printed Name: _____

Plot# _____

Gardener's Signature: _____

Date _____

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