

Sierra Vista Community Gardens, Inc. Rules and Regulations

The Sierra Vista Community Gardens, Inc., is a welcoming organic garden where we grow healthy food, create beauty, share knowledge, nurture relationships, and have fun.

As a member, I agree to:

- Complete the Garden Plot Application Form and pay the plot rental fees to help cover garden expenses such as insurance, water, porta-potty, tools, and other supplies and services.
- Maintain my garden with care.
- Pick only crops from my own plot (if any) and my allotted portion of crops from common area plots that I help maintain.
- Participate at community work days for at least two hours in the spring and two hours in the fall.
- Volunteer at least four additional hours per season toward community gardening efforts. For example: maintaining pathways, sitting areas, and fence lines to keep the garden tidy; working in communal flower and herb beds; and managing/overseeing the garden plots.
- Share my skills and know-how when situations arise for me to do so.
- Conserve water and remember to turn off the hoses.

As a good citizen and steward of the Sierra Vista Community Gardens, I pledge to:

- Control weeds in my plot, in order to avoid production of weed seeds
- Maintain healthy soil and environment by practicing organic methods of using compost, mulch, cover crops, and reducing tillage when possible.
- Avoid using non-organic fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides.
- Use natural materials in my gardening, instead of plastics and other synthetics.
- Avoid planting genetically modified organisms.
- Control rapidly spreading plants such as mint, lemon balm, and cane fruits by planting them only in pots or in designated communal plots.
- Be considerate of my neighboring gardeners when planting tall crops.
- Keep trash and litter out of the gardens and disposed of at home.
- Place only healthy organic material in the compost pile. Diseased plants should be taken home and placed in the trash.
- Do everything in my power to keep the garden space safe—i.e. put tools away and rolling up water hoses when done using them.
- Be a responsible pet owner. **Only service animals are allowed in the garden area.** Please keep service animals leashed, out of the garden plots, and remove all pet waste from the property.
- If I have not planted my plot within one month of renting the plot I will forfeit my rights to the garden.
- If I do not correct issues when pointed out to me by a board member within two weeks of notice I will forfeit my plot and the board may appoint someone to clear my plot and or take it over as theirs.