

Rules and Guidelines for Renting a Plot at Good Earth Community Garden

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Grow a garden, cultivate community.

Welcome! Good Earth is an organic community garden. We hope everyone's gardening experience is positive, where personal respect, mutual harmony and a sense of community is shared by all.

- Plots are assigned in the order applications are received.
- We rent 16 higher raised plots for those with special needs.
- Gardening may begin March 15, 2026.
- If your plot isn't planted by June 1st, please contact the Garden Manager. Otherwise, it will be considered abandoned and will be rented to another person and rental fees not refunded.
- Plots must be cleaned out before December 1st. Winterizing instructions will be shared.
- Gardeners are expected to volunteer at the Community Garden however able. Monthly work parties will begin in April and serve as one way for folks to contribute.

Rules & Guidelines

1. Keep your garden within your assigned plot. Weed regularly in and around the paths of your plot.
2. Keep stakes and trellises below 48 inches so they don't block your neighbor's sunlight.
3. Plants that are bolting, infested, unauthorized, over the height requirement, or hanging into the paths may be removed by the Garden Manager.
4. Plant only legal crops. Perennials are allowed but must be pulled out by 12/1.
5. Plants and flowers grown are only for home use.
6. Thick rooted or stemmed plants are not allowed in the cinder block holes and must be removed by October. Only small sunflowers are welcomed at the garden and no more than two borage plants per plot.
7. Water appropriately within your own plot and turn off the spigot completely after use. Automatic watering systems and timers are not permitted.
8. The Garden Manager looks out for the health of the whole garden and will contact you to help resolve issues if problems are seen in your plot.
9. Only OMRI (Organic Material Review Institute) pesticide/herbicide products are allowed. Contact the Garden Manager (via the email address above) with questions about pests or plant disease.
10. Compost, soil and fertilizer are provided by Good Earth. A list of approved amendments is posted in the shed.
11. Clean and return all gardening tools, buckets, shovels, etc. to the shed.
12. Take personal trash home.
13. Garbage bins in the parking lot & by the compost bins are only for diseased, seed-ripe plants or weeds.
14. Children must be supervised by an adult.
15. No smoking, glass bottles, loud music or loud cell phone talking. Be respectful of others.
16. Keep paths free of hoses, tools & debris. Hoses are provided, please bring the nozzle of your choice.
17. **Only** service animals are allowed in the garden. Dogs must be under control and their "business" taken care of outside of the fence. Please request a Service Animal Form to complete and submit.
18. If you will be out of town and a non-member will be tending your plot, let the Garden Manager know.
19. **Most importantly!** Enjoy this magical garden, grow good food, make friends and care for yourself & our good Earth.

If there are any concerns, please contact the Garden Manager, and/or you may contact SCCGA in writing. A grievance policy is posted in the shed.

Members who don't abide by these guidelines will be contacted by the Board of Directors. If there is no response, correction, or request for help within a week, Good Earth retains the right to dissolve the plot agreement, cancel membership and reassign the plot, with no refund of fees. If you find you cannot garden or comply with these guidelines due to personal circumstances, please contact the Garden Manager for assistance. We will work with your individual needs.

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