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Dear Gardeners,

The members of the MHCG Oversight Committee are a contact for you in case you have concerns, need gardening advice, or need assistance with items related to MHCG policies.

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The garden looks great! We have fully planted, well-maintained plots. **Gardening at the Morgan Hill Community Garden is a year-round commitment**, so be planning your future planting for when the zucchinis and tomatoes are gone. Look for emails about education and planning classes.

We have already had some Work Days. There were 25 gardeners in attendance at the last evening work session! You may have noticed that the compost shed was removed. Thank you to the gardeners who yanked the posts out of the ground, loaded up the truck, and made the dump run. **Be sure to get your work day hours completed in the next two or three months.** If you can't make a work day, contact Kay at kayvan.me@gmail.com for an alternate assignment to complete the hours.

Most recently it was noticed that:

- 1) Some plots are in need of repair. It is the plot-holders responsibility to keep the plot repaired, but Joe Elliott, a Board member, can be contacted at elliotts@garlic.com if you need ideas or assistance.
- 2) Some of the **tomato plants** show signs of having one of these viral diseases: Tomato Yellow Leaf Curl Virus (TYLCV) or Curly Top Virus. Nothing can be done to "cure" the plant once it's infected. It is best to just remove them and plant new, resistant varieties. This disease is transmitted plant to plant by whiteflies (TYLCV) or leafhoppers (Curly Top). It is important to maintain a weed-free plot as much as possible and to remove (pull out and compost **in place**) old vegetables ASAP so they don't become pest reservoirs.



Currently, these are our other biggest needs:

- for all gardeners to pull the weeds in their plot **and in the pathways** around their plot. Many gardeners have covered their dirt with mulch or straw this year to inhibit weed growth. **Be vigilant with bindweed in your plot and around your plot in the walkways. Throw bindweed away in the gray bin. (also crabgrass and Bermuda grass)**
- for each plot to appear well planted and maintained, keeping a pleasing appearance in the community garden for fellow gardeners and for visitors. **Remove old vegetables and plants** before they can attract pests.
- for gardeners to be considerate of other gardeners so that the neighboring plots are not shaded or encroached upon with plant growth, keeping **all plants inside your plot perimeter**, not hanging over pathways.
- to remember that woody plants and plants with thorns are not allowed.
- to keep safety in mind- no hazardous items and use only nontoxic products in your plot.
- use the shed for MHCG items only. Return borrowed items clean and in the exact proper location.
- to dispose of items properly in the bins for yard waste, garbage, and recycling. If you have items that are not appropriate for our disposal bins **or too large**, please take them home.
green yard waste bin: plant material cut into small, 6 inch pieces to make room for all gardeners to put their clippings in the green bins. **gray bin:** garbage and weeds like bindweed and crabgrass, items that are not compostable yard waste, or items that are not City approved recyclable materials. (no dirt or rock) **brown recycling bin:** City approved recycling materials.

Thank you,

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