

Foresthill Community Garden Rules and Regulations

I. Overview

The Foresthill Community Garden is established in Foresthill as a community of gardeners who share a sustainable growing space and encompasses education, health, nutrition and enthusiasm. The garden has a community space and a members' space. Both will be used for growing, education and outreach. The member space is enclosed with a deer fence and be accessible by garden members, invited guests and to the public at specified times.

II. Membership

Anyone 18 years or older who lives in Foresthill may rent a box in the Community Garden. Any non-profit organization that provides benefits to the Foresthill community may rent a box.

III. Member Obligations

1. Members must be involved in the hands-on cultivation of their beds.
2. Members may not sublease their plot.
3. Members are responsible for the year-round maintenance of their boxes and surrounding pathways. Areas are to be kept free of weeds, trash and other debris at all times. Members who do not maintain their boxes will be notified and be given 30 days to rectify it.
4. Members are responsible for maintaining all related drip irrigation tubing and heads for their plants.
5. If site is not planted after two months into growing season (July 1st), it will be considered abandoned and reassigned unless otherwise notified.

IV. Responsibilities When in the Garden

1. Be a steward for the park in general. Speak up and/or report any inappropriate activity to the garden manager or to the police if it is a safety issue.
2. Report any problems with safety or malfunctions to the Garden Management Team as soon as you are aware of them.
3. No smoking is permitted within the fenced garden area or within 100' of the garden area.
4. No dogs are allowed within the fenced garden area.
5. Children and students must be supervised at all times.
6. Be sure the gate is locked when you leave.
7. The garden is open to members from dawn to dusk.

V. Plot Allocation and Fees

1. One garden box per individual, family, group or organization.
2. The person whose signature appears on the Registration Form is considered the primary member and is ultimately responsible for the garden box.
3. Garden boxes are issued on a year-to-year basis from January 1 – December 31.
4. Gardeners must complete a Registration Form and pay their annual fee by March 31st.
5. Current gardeners in good standing have the option of renewing their membership each year.
6. A waiting list will be established if others are waiting for a box to become available. Prospective gardeners will add their name to the list and they will be contacted in the order listed when boxes become available.
7. Gardeners who relinquish their membership may not directly transfer their membership to anyone else, including family and friends.
8. Fees for members will be \$_____ per year.

VI. Gardening Guidelines

1. The garden strictly adheres to "natural" gardening principles. Non-gmo plants only.
2. Garden boxes must be maintained year round (ie, planted, weeded and harvested).
3. Walkways need to be maintained level and obstacle free for use by all.

4. Gardeners are encouraged to plant a cover crop if they do not actively garden during winter or put in place a black plastic cover.
5. Please clean your tools and return them to the shed when done. Don't borrow other gardener's equipment unless you have their permission. Last gardener to leave locks the tool shed. Leave no personal items in the shed.
6. Gardeners are encouraged to grow a variety of plants and must grow a minimum of two crops at all times.
7. Plants that tend to sprawl or reseed, such as mint, are discouraged. If they are planted, they must be kept entirely within the box.
8. Crops that require excessive amounts of water may not be planted. (rice, taro, etc.)
9. Trees and woody perennials may not be planted without the consent of the Garden Management Team.
10. Please respect the need for neighbors' plants for sunlight when planting crops that may cause excessive shading. Don't pick your neighbor's garden.
11. All trellises or other structures that manage vining of high-growing plants must be approved by the Garden Management Team prior to the incorporation of the structure in the garden. All trellis or other structures shall be subject to the approval of the Garden Management Team. No changes may be made to the box or additions of items such as trellises that excessively damage the box structure.
12. No poisonous or illegal plant material will be permitted. No Cannabis Sativa L. allowed. Violation will cause forfeiture of your site as is failure to follow other guidelines.
13. Please remember the "pack it in, pack it out" rule. There is no trash service within the garden. At the end of the growing season, all gardeners are responsible for disposing of plant remnants.
14. Please do not put plastic, bones, meat, or dairy products in the compost bin.
15. Group-managed boxes will have a designated person who will share the lock code on a limited basis.

VII. Parking

Please park in the parking area in front of the Old PCWA building.

VIII. Garden Events

1. Docent-led open house events will be open to the public and members are encouraged to participate.
2. Classes open to both members and the public will be held seasonally with docent and teacher.
3. These guidelines are subject to change at the discretion of the Garden Management Team.

AGREEMENT

I have read and agree to the above **Gardening Guidelines Agreement** and wish to participate in the gardening activity and have retained a copy of this agreement.

NAME (PRINT): _____ **SIGNATURE:** _____

ADDRESS (STREET): _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____ **PHONE:** _____

DATE: _____ **SITE ASSIGNED:** _____