

Draft Community Garden Guidelines

Gold Hill Community Garden Information And Guidelines

Welcome to Gold Hill Community Garden, we're glad to have you as a member! This is a community project for neighbors, friends and volunteers to work together for its success. It is intended to be beneficial to you as well as the community.

These guidelines are intended to let everyone working together successfully. Please feel free to ask questions or for help at any time. Please show respect for your fellow gardener. Failure to comply with these guidelines will result in forfeiture of your garden space. For safety, fairness and the enjoyment of the garden the following rules will be strictly enforced

Garden Rules

1. Do not share the combination lock code with anyone. This is the Head Gardeners's responsibility. When the combination is given to you it is for your use only.
2. Membership inquiries should be directed to the Head Gardener(s) or submitted via <https://www.candogoldhill.org/communitygarden>
3. **Membership Dues** are \$20.00/year. A completed and signed Registration Form with dues must be submitted to the Head Gardeners in order to be assigned a garden bed.
4. **Group Work Party Days** are one of the most important elements of our Garden. They are scheduled monthly for 4 hours, April through October for handling bigger tasks involving the the whole group. Your participation is crucial, especially at the beginning and end of the season. Attendance at a minimum of 1 Work Party Days is mandatory. (If Saturday is a problem for you, please consult with the garden leader regarding meeting this commitment.)
5. **Members are expected to participate in the care and maintenance of our garden throughout the growing season.** This includes the common areas as well as your individual plot. You will be asked to take responsibility for a specific caretaking task in the common areas. Generally this will be pulling or cutting weeds and grass.
6. Only Head Gardeners make bed assignments.
7. Garden beds are not transferable or assumed when a member leaves the garden.
8. For your security, lock yourself in the garden when you are alone.
9. Lock the gate when you leave. Don't leave it open for someone else.
10. You must maintain your plot in an "Acceptable Manner" -means that you are actively gardening -digging, sowing, planting, weeding, removing dead plants, harvesting, watering, etc. -once a week during the growing season. Garden plants must be contained within the garden bed. Each gardener is also responsible for keeping the walkways around their plot free of weeds, litter, debris, and sprawling plants
11. If you take a vacation or must be gone for an extended time, **it is your responsibility to find someone else to maintain your plot** to the above standards in your absence. Please notify the garden leader of the name and phone number of this person. Notify your garden leader immediately if you are moving, or if you are no longer able to attend your garden plot so that it may be promptly reassigned.
12. Warning notices and plot reassignment -A garden found to be in an unacceptable manner (weeds over one foot tall, plants leaning into or obstructing surrounding walkways, or overripe and rotting vegetables) will be flagged by the Head Gardeners. The gardener will be given 10 days to remedy the situation. A second warning will be sent after the 10 days has passed and the

garden bed still shows no improvement, for an additional 10 days to remedy (a total of 20 days). The gardener will then be notified that his or her garden bed has been reclaimed for reassignment.

13. When you have finished gardening, turn off the water and return the hose to the water spigot -do this to prevent accidents and as a courtesy to your neighbor.
14. Do not dig, fertilize or spray anything, water, weed, plant or harvest from anyone's bed without permission!
15. Do not allow pets to roam the garden. All pets must be restrained while in the garden. Never allow pets in areas where food is being prepared or consumed.
16. In the fall, each plot must be cleared of frost-killed plants, stakes, trellises, and other structures by October 25.. Do not leave these items in the garden over the Winter, or they will be thrown away. Gardeners who meet this deadline will be able to keep that plot the following spring. Anyone who misses this deadline will lose their plot and will be added to the waiting list on a first-come, first-served basis.
17. • Report immediately any theft or vandalism of community property or in your plot both to the local police (xxx-xxxx) and your Head Gardener, _____ (541) xxx-xxxx.

Please review the Gold Hill Community Garden's "Rules to Grow By" carefully. Your signature indicates your agreement to abide by these rules with the understanding that failure to do so may serve as grounds for dismissal from the garden.

Signature _____ **Date** _____
Print Name _____