

University Village Community Garden

2017 Garden Rules

Read through all the rules carefully. Your signature at the bottom of the second page indicates that you have read, understand, and agree to abide by all the rules in their entirety.

- * I understand that I am responsible for ensuring that all my family members and guests sign the University Waiver Form before entering the Garden. (Contact the Village Office or the Garden Website for the form.)
- * I will not leave trash in the garden. This includes in the compost pile, any other plots, or community areas. I will remove my trash to an outside dumpster when leaving the garden. Additionally, I will not bring any materials taken from the garbage or recycling areas into the garden.
- * I will not use human waste (urine or feces) as fertilizer. Relieving oneself (urinating/defecating) in the garden not only violates the rules, but is grounds for notifying UC Police Department.
- * I will not remove any items, including fruits and vegetables, from other plots, even if they appear abandoned. I will not use neighboring plots to store my belongings, even if they appear abandoned. Additionally, I will not walk (or let my dependents walk) through other gardeners' plots.
- * I will not keep containers of open water (buckets or any size) in my plot. Open water attracts mosquitoes, where they lay their eggs and become a safety hazard.
- * I will not build structures of any kind (for example: fences, greenhouses, raised beds, trellis, bean poles, etc.) on my plot (or anywhere on the property) without written approval from both the Garden Committee and UC Berkeley authorized staff member, by means of written "Request for Approval" form. I will only begin construction once I have confirmed written approval. I also understand that constructing anything over five feet tall is never allowed, and will not be permitted on the property.
- * I will only use organic/biodegradable weed suppressants on my plot (vinegar, mulch, cardboard with no tape). Other methods of suppressing weeds (sheets of plastic, carpet) are not allowed.
- * Pets are not allowed in the garden.
- * I will clean and return tools to the tool shed when leaving the garden, even if I intend to return in a few hours or first thing in the morning. This includes emptying and returning wheelbarrows.
- * I acknowledge that any item deemed to be a safety or fire hazard by U.C. Village Grounds staff or the Fire Warden may be flagged for removal within 48 hours. (An effort will be made to call and/or email you in this situation.) This includes, but is not limited to, piles of lumber and temporary building structures.
- * I will respect the Fire Road (the wide path along the west side of the garden, parallel to the train tracks). I will not leave my belongings or trash in the Fire Road. I recognize that any items left in the Fire Road may be taken to the trash without notice.

- * I will not start fires in the garden, for any reason whatsoever.
- * I will not plant/remove/alter trees in the garden. Trees in the garden are property of the University. I will contact the Village Office to report tree safety issues.
- * I will contact the Garden Committee, by writing to help@ucvillagegarden.net, before making any changes to Community Areas (marked with pink stakes). I will not use Community Areas for my personal compost or to store my belongings.
- * When ready to give up my plot, I will fill out the online release form on the Garden Website.
- * Gardeners may only change plots or acquire an additional plots at the discretion of the Garden Committee, subject to availability.
- * I will not extend the boundaries of my plot without explicit permission from the Garden Committee.
- * I acknowledge that if my plot has not been worked in 30 days, it will be deemed “abandoned” and may be reassigned. If I plan on being away from the Village for longer than 30 days, I recognize it is my responsibility to find someone to care for my plot in my stead.
- * Every year, I will participate in at least one work project per season (spring: March-May, summer: June-August, fall: September-November, winter: December-February). It is the responsibility of the Garden Committee to provide adequate opportunities for service through Garden Work Parties and/or Mini Work Parties. If I am unable to attend the work parties offered, I understand it is my responsibility to request an independent work project assignment from the Garden Committee in order to satisfy this requirement.
- * Each household may garden a maximum of 2 garden plots. Gardening an area one year does not guarantee that I will be able to renew that area the next year. I will not register plots under anyone else’s name for my own benefit.
- * For the year 2017, fees are \$20 per plot for residents; \$40 per plot for non-residents. In addition to this, a fee for certain payment types may also apply (see website for more information regarding payment options). Failure to pay annual fees by the payment deadline will result in the loss of my plot(s).
- * I will inform the Garden Committee when my resident status changes (e.g. when moving out of the Village). As a non-resident I will be able to continue gardening for this calendar year, but I acknowledge that I may not be able to renew for next year.
- * I understand that the Garden Committee will notify me via email if I am found to be in violation of any of these rules. I also understand that failure to comply with a violation notice will result in the loss of my plot and eviction from the Community Garden property.

Print name: _____ **Plot number(s):** _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____