



EL PASEO COMMUNITY GARDEN
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General Membership Guidelines 2020

1. All members must attend an orientation at the start of the season (TBA).
2. Organic gardening: no chemical fertilizers, insecticides or weed repellents are allowed.
3. Use water responsibly. Use watering cans and water barrels to water beds. Do not leave water running or overflowing. Hose is used to fill water barrels. Make sure hose is rolled up after each use and key is returned.
4. The sheds are not for personal use. Please do not leave items in there unless for communal use.
5. Please clean and return gardening tools to sheds in the same place you found them. Lock shed and close the gate when leaving garden.
6. You must attend at least half of the Stewardship Days every Thursday at 6pm or every third Saturday from 10 am to 2pm.
7. Be friendly and engage residents outside the existing core garden group so that a broad cross-section of the community uses the site to its full capacity.
8. This is your garden, help keep it clean, beautiful, and safe. Help pick up trash, including sidewalks and walkways. Please communicate suspicious activity to the leaders and call the police if you are in danger.
9. You bring it, you compost it. Please follow the guidelines posted.
10. All raised beds are meant for growing edible plants. Ornamental flowers can be grown in specific areas throughout the garden, not in raised beds. Companion flowers or edible flowers may be planted in raised beds.
11. If you harvest from shared beds, please register as a collective gardener to help maintain and water them. Be considerate of the amount you harvest. Do not over water.
12. Keep dogs out of raised beds, prairie, and other floral areas. Pick up your dog's waste.
13. Be careful of plants when locking bikes.
14. Members may reserve the picnic area for small parties at no cost but must be present. Non-members must make a \$20 donation when reserving. Follow posted rules (TBA).



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Allotment Gardener Membership Guidelines 2020

1. The garden space is accessible to the public - theft happens. If you are looking for a plot to grow your prize tomatoes, this garden may not be the one for you. Our focus is growing a community first, then veggies.
2. Only one allotment bed per household.
3. You can start growing once a raised bed is assigned to you and dues have been paid.
4. If you do not plant by **June 7th**, you forfeit your bed to another gardener – no refunds.
5. Allotment beds must be **closed by November 1st**. This includes pulling all plants, composting, and mulching with straw, leaves, etc. You forfeit your bed for the following year by not doing so. If you purchased trellises or cages and would like to keep them please take them home. If not they will be added to the communal ones for the following year.
6. Some soil will be provided near the permaculture site. Each allotment gardener is responsible for filling their beds, unless otherwise arranged due to physical restraints. Compost and additional amendments should be purchased by you.
7. You are responsible for purchasing your seedlings and seeds. There will be an opportunity on Planting Day to receive free seedlings and seeds if you participate.
8. Please limit gardening to your raised bed only. Maintain the perimeter around beds clear for mowing and maintenance.
9. Please do not add permanent structures or plants (bushes, trees, etc.)
10. Due to space constraints, squash and crawling plants should **only** be planted if a trellis is built and the plant is properly maintained. The plant may be removed by others if it encroaches past the raised bed.
11. Care and harvest of plants should be consistent to reduce pests, disease and theft. If your plants look diseased, please pull them and throw them in the trash so that it does not spread. We may remove it for you if not maintained.
12. Help your neighbors and request assistance to maintain your plot if you will be out of town. Use a “water me” or “do not water” sign when needed. Only water other beds if asked.
13. Be respectful of others’ belongings and plants when working in the garden and do not take what is not yours. Do not take from any other bed besides your own.