



# SAN CARLOS COMMUNITY GARDEN

## Rules, Terms, and Conditions for Participation

### Introduction and background

The San Carlos Community Garden is a joint use community located at 6460 Boulder Lake Ave. The San Carlos Community Garden (SCCG) is jointly partners with the Sierra School of San Diego, a K-12+ school that provides specialized education services for students with unique abilities. The Sierra School is highest governing authority at the San Carlos Community Garden.

Our garden goals are simple:

- Provide access to grow food and promote healthy eating
- Provide a safe space for students/educators for learning, playing and connecting with nature
- Offer education and recreational gardening opportunities to the community
- Create a beautiful and serene amenity to the neighborhood for all ages to enjoy

The **Garden Leadership Team (GLT)** is responsible for ensuring that the rules are followed at all times. The GLT is made up of community volunteers. Consequences for failure to uphold the garden rules, terms, or conditions are cause for exclusion from the garden and loss of garden privileges. If a violation of the garden is noted, the following will occur:

1. One verbal warning from a member of the GLT will be issued.
2. If no response or correction is made, a written notice will be issued two weeks later.
3. If no further response or correction is made, written final notification forfeiting gardening privileges will be issued.
4. Reapplication for another garden plot after one year will be at the discretion of the GLT.

### **Garden Use and Maintenance**

1. A raised bed of **4'x12'** is **\$125/year**. No refunds following acceptance of the Garden Application. Garden plots are non-transferrable.
2. In order to promote security and safety, a \$25.00 refundable deposit per key is due and payable along with the yearly lease fee. Locks are to be changed periodically and keys will be

exchanged at that time. All keys must be returned upon request of the Leadership Team. Failure to do so will result in loss of deposit.

3. Assignment of garden plots will be awarded on a first come first served basis. Subsequent plot preference will be given to current plot occupants.
4. Plots must be cultivated and planted within two weeks of plot assignment. Plots cannot be left unattended for any period of three weeks or longer without arrangements through the GLT.
5. All plants must be maintained within the limits of the plot and not allowed to grow more than six feet high. Invasive plants are prohibited (such as Bamboo or English Ivy).
6. Garden plots are for growing produce (veggies, herbs, and fruit) and flowers/small shrubs. No illegal plants are to be grown.
7. Garden plots and surrounding areas must be kept clean, and reasonably free of pests and weeds. Gardeners are responsible for all tilling, soil amendments, cultivating, fertilizing, and watering, etc. Water spigots and hoses are available throughout the garden.
8. Gardeners are required to remove all yard waste such as: dead plants, leaves, and other green waste plant parts; and all other trash each time they leave the garden as there is no commercial trash service available. In addition, do not leave extra fencing or supplies along the fence or anywhere else in the garden.
9. If a gardener no longer wants or is able to garden, they are to contact the GLT. In addition, they are to remove all plants and tools within seven (7) days leaving the garden plot ready for a new gardener to use.
10. New game activities will be installed periodically in the garden. Please return all parts of activity as directed.
11. Gardeners may sample fruit from the Orchard trees, but only by the handful in order to share the bounty among all the plot owners.

## **Cultivation**

1. Tools, hoses, and watering equipment will be available in the Community Garden and/or the storage shed and must remain on the premises.
2. Garden keys are intended for access to the garden on Lake Adlon Dr. and Boulder Lake Ave., as well as the storage shed for access to tools. Gardeners are responsible for bringing their key each time they work in the garden and to make sure the storage shed and garden gates are locked when leaving.

3. Garden plots should be cared for at least once a week. It is the gardener's responsibility to notify the GLT if he or she is unable to care for their plot in any given week. Gardeners may arrange for other gardeners to water their plots.
4. Garden-safe and eco-friendly practices are encouraged. The use of synthetic chemicals that act as pesticides and herbicides/weed killers are not permitted (such as Roundup and Corry's Slug and Snail Death).
5. Organic methods for weed and pest control are encouraged (such as Sluggo and Safer Insecticidal Soap brands, especially brands with OMRI labeling).
6. Organic fertilizers are recommended. However, use of animal manures is prohibited.
7. Practice water-wise guidelines. Hand watering only.

### **Good Neighbor Practices**

1. Children and visitors must be supervised at all times when they are in the garden.
2. Use common courtesy and resolve differences in a neighborly way. Stay polite and listen carefully to other gardeners if there is a problem. Solutions are usually easily resolved. No verbal or physical abuse tolerated.
3. Dogs are permitted in the garden, as long as they are **kept on a leash and close to their owner at all times**. Owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pets before they leave the garden. Unwanted behaviors, such as barking or aggressiveness towards other dogs, gardeners or visitors will not be tolerated.
4. Smoking, alcohol and illegal drugs are prohibited.
5. There is no removal of another gardener's plants, flowers, fruits or vegetables, etc. allowed without the owner's consent. Maliciousness of any kind towards another gardener or plot will not be tolerated.