

# RAWLINS COMMUNITY GARDEN

## MEMBERSHIP RULES

HOURS OF OPERATION - The garden is open officially from June 1 through October 1 from dawn until dusk. Each member is given the combination code to the gate padlock. Out of respect for all garden members, this code should be kept confidential.

WATER USAGE - Unattended watering is not permitted. Automatic watering devices and timers are not permitted at either garden. Notify Nicole Henley of any leaks in the water line. Make sure all faucets are off when leaving the garden, and coil all hoses neatly after use.

VISITORS AND CHILDREN - Visitors and children are welcome at the garden, but must be made aware of garden rules. Young children must have adult supervision.

GARDEN PLOT MAINTENANCE - Please keep your plot maintained. You are responsible for the weeds in and around your own garden plot. Remember that when weeds in your plot go to seed, they spread throughout the whole garden. Veggies should be harvested as they become ripe. A portion of your plot must be planted no later than July 1. Use of organic mulch is encouraged. Excessive overgrowth is not permitted.

PLANTING RESTRICTIONS - Trees and rapidly spreading plants (like mint) are not allowed in the plot. Also, be cautious of tall and sprawling plants that might shade or encroach on your neighbors plot.

VOLUNTEER HOURS - Each garden member is required to contribute a minimum of four hours of service to the garden each year. Please select commitment under site maintenance requirement on application form. Mandatory spring and fall meetings will be held, and will include a group clean-up on those days. Gardeners that do not participate over the summer will have their plot reassigned next year.

OVERALL MAINTENANCE - Please maintain the pathways immediately adjacent to your plot-keep them free from garbage and weeds. Arrangements must be made for the care of your plot if you are absent for an extended period of time. All community tools need to be cleaned and returned to the storage area after use. Tools must not be taken off the garden grounds. No stealing of anything is permitted. Under no circumstances is harvesting from other plots allowed. Stealing could result in the loss of your plot and garden privileges.

GARBAGE - Please take trash out with you. Any diseased plant material also needs to be packed out.

PESTICIDES AND HERBICIDES - The community garden is maintained in an organic manner - therefore, the use of pesticides and herbicides made from synthetic chemical materials is strictly prohibited in the plots.

RADIOS -Radios are prohibited in the garden. Please wear headphones if you wish to listen to music.

PETS - Pets are allowed if they are leashed and at your own plot. Please clean up after them.

COMPOST PILE - This pile is appropriate only for garden refuse, i.e. weed and plant material. No trash!

NO TOBACCO IN THE GARDEN - Tobacco carries a lethal virus that can be transmitted to plants.

INFORMATION BOARD -You are responsible for reading the board as this is where notices will be posted.