

Wrightwood Community Garden (WCG) Rules and Terms and Conditions

***** Please check all bulletin boards for announcements. *****

HOURS

Monday-Sunday 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (check bulletin board for time changes)

PARKING

1. Parking is available outside the garden. Please respect parking signs. Please do not drive into the garden if the gates are unlocked unless you have permission from the WCG management or Garden Coordinator.
2. Please park bicycles near the entrance gates, storage shed or outside of the garden. Motorized vehicles, with the exception of motorized bicycles, are not allowed inside the garden.

GARDENER RESPONSIBILITIES

3. Plots are assigned by the Garden Coordinator.
4. "In addition to checking all posted notices, all members must join the WCG's Google Group. The WCG Google Group is an online forum where members can post notices about the garden, including issues that come up that can affect you or other members. You can access and join the group at <http://groups.google.com/group/WCGmembers>
5. First year gardeners are limited to one (1) plot; thereafter, the limit is two (2) plots and is determined by the Garden Coordinator according to space available.
6. If there is no waiting list, assignments may exceed the plot allocation limits.
7. Gardeners/Co-gardeners may not transfer their plot(s) to anyone.
8. Anyone working in the garden must have a signed waiver of liability on file. Anyone without a waiver of liability on file may be denied entry to the garden until such time as they sign a new waiver of liability.
9. A plot is 4x10 feet. YOU will not expand YOUR plot beyond this measurement or into paths or other plots, whether or not those plots are also assigned to YOU. YOU will keep all of YOUR plants within the limits of YOUR garden plot and will not allow any of YOUR plants to grow more than six feet high. YOU must keep YOUR plot free of weeds, pests and diseases.
10. The fee for the use of the garden is (\$10) per plot, paid immediately upon joining, and at the reopening of the garden during spring (the "Opening Spring Date") every subsequent year thereafter, so long as YOU continue to maintain a plot in the WCG (the "Fee"). There are no refunds.
11. YOU will keep YOUR plot, paths and surrounding areas clean and neat. YOU will dispose of YOUR trash properly by bagging and taking home or by composting (when available).
12. No one is permitted to trespass into any plot without permission of the gardener or just cause.
13. WCG maintains an inventory of hand tools, wheelbarrows and other items for our members. Access is first-come/first served. Any garden implements used should be cleaned and returned to the shed area as quickly as possible. Unauthorized removal of WCG assets and/or produce is prohibited.
14. In keeping with the intention and meaning of a community garden, and in an effort to defray costs and maximize grant awards, each gardener is asked to donate a minimum of five (5) hours per year toward the operation, maintenance, and promotion of the WCG. In lieu of volunteer

hours, a gardener may make a monetary donation to the WCG's garden fund and/or donate produce to another local food charity. See Garden Coordinator for charity contacts.

15. The Garden Coordinator and Board Members of One Town, Inc, will resolve disputes between gardeners.

PLOT PLANTING AND MAINTENANCE

16. Once YOU have been assigned a plot, YOU will cultivate and plant it within two weeks of first being assigned the plot, or the Opening Spring Date for that year, whichever is later. YOUR plot cannot be left fallow or unused for any period of 2 weeks or longer, except during the Winter Season.
17. It is mandated that NOTHING be planted or placed in such a way as to shade or encroach on another gardener's plot. Plants taller than 6 feet tall are not allowed. Please use common sense and courtesy when making your planting choices. Garden Coordinator has final say.
18. Garden paths must be kept free and clear of all obstacles (i.e. hoses, tools, wagons, wheelbarrows, etc.). Sandbags, used to hold down cloche materials only, may be used, but must be placed in a way to make passage along paths manageable. Hoses must be run along paths (not through other plots) and disconnected after use. Any personal supplies/implements (tools, netting, etc.) must be stored within one's plot. WCG is not responsible for tools or personal property left unattended on the premises.
19. No sprinklers or timers of any kind may be used in the garden.
20. Plot boxes may not be altered in any way except in accordance with the guidelines developed in the October 1st, 2012, workshop. 2 Conduit brackets may be placed every 30" on the outside of the plot box. Please see plot #15 for reference. Do not place more than 2 brackets every 30" or you will be asked to remove them. This includes stapling, nailing, painting, staining or otherwise altering the structure and visage of the plot box. Tacks may be used for fastening bird netting or cloche material to the plot box, with the discretion of the Garden Coordinator.
21. No permanent structures may be attached to the plot box.
22. Plots must be weeded regularly. This includes adjacent paths. The condition of the garden is monitored continually by the Garden Coordinator and members of One Town, Inc. If a plot appears to be neglected, a series of warnings will be issued, by email or phone if email is unavailable. Failure to address warnings and control weeds may result in designation of the plot as "abandoned", forfeiture of the plot, and denial of gardening privileges in future seasons. Abandoned plots revert to WCG control.
23. **Herbicides are strictly prohibited.** Only organic products may be used in your plot; this includes: pest control, soil amendments (including store-bought compost), and new soil. Home grown compost may be used. Non-organic seeds may be used, but NO GMO SEEDS MAY BE USED. Mountain Hardware will have a file on hand listing acceptable products for use in the plot. Not all acceptable items may be listed in the file, just the ones available through Mountain Hardware. Questions of acceptability should be directed to the Garden Coordinator **ONLY**.
24. Gardeners are encouraged to compost. Future plans for the garden include a large composting unit. You are encouraged to use the composter. Please do not put weeds in the composter! If not using the composter, gardener must bag and remove organic waste. It is the responsibility of the gardener to bag and remove all trash.
25. YOU will not plant any plant that can be used to create drugs or other controlled substances that have been deemed illegal for use or distribution by the California or Federal governments, including, but not limited to Marijuana/Cannabis, Salvia Divinorum, Peyote cactus, Coca trees,

any poppies capable of producing opiates, psilocybin or other hallucinogenic mushrooms.

HARVESTING

26. Please harvest your crops on time. Fruit and vegetables that appear to be ready to pick may be harvested at the discretion of the Garden Coordinator and donated at the G.C.'s discretion to various charities or other entities/individuals.
27. At the conclusion of the season, all gardeners must sign out with the Garden Coordinator. A checkout sheet must be signed, confirming that the plot is in good condition. Gardener must also verify on the sign out sheet that they would like to continue in the spring. If the gardener also has crops (Garlic, etc.) that they would like to continue to grow through the winter, then the gardener must inform the Garden Coordinator by checking off the box on the sheet.

END OF SEASON

28. End of Season will be determined by the Garden Coordinator and the Board Members of One Town, Inc. All effort will be made to keep the garden open as long as possible, but weather will ultimately dictate the decision to close the WCG.
29. Any remaining vegetation that is expected to die or go dormant in the winter season must be removed or cut to length/heights of less than two (2) feet and distributed evenly across the plot.
30. Sign outs must be completed by the last day of the season. Gardeners who fail to complete the check out process by the end of the final day may be denied gardening privileges in future seasons.

GENERAL RULES AND VIOLATIONS

31. YOU use this garden at the sole discretion of the WCG. YOU agree to abide by its policies and practices.
32. YOU will not smoke any substance, or use drugs while in the WCG.
33. YOU will not be intoxicated in the WCG.
34. YOU will not bring weapons or pets to the WCG.
35. Guests and visitors YOU invite, including children, may enter the garden only if YOU accompany them. They must follow all rules, terms, and conditions stated here. YOU will supervise YOUR children at all times when they are in the garden. YOU are solely responsible for the behavior of YOUR guests, and any violation of this Garden Contract or Conditions by YOUR guests will operate as if YOU committed the violation YOURSELF.
36. YOU will attend WCG meetings when they are announced to be mandatory.
37. YOU will not take food or plants from other gardeners' plots, and will not take anything from the WCG that is not rightfully YOURS.
38. YOU will respect other gardeners, YOU will not use abusive or profane language or discriminate against others, and YOU will work to keep the garden a happy, secure, and enjoyable place where all participants can garden and socialize in a peaceful and neighborly manner.

FAILURE TO COMPLY with any of the above Rules and Regulations may result in the Gardener forfeiting his or her garden plot(s) and being excluded from the garden. You must sign the Garden Contract (separate page) as proof of your acceptance of the WCG rules before you may garden your plot.