



“The mission of the Encinitas Community Garden is to enhance the quality of life for the people of Encinitas by creating an organic garden that provides access to a site where locally produced food can be grown in environmentally sustainable ways. In so doing, healthy food is affordable to the members.

Our purpose is to increase sustainable urban food production by teaching people how to grow food, and to create a supportive community where they can share tools, skills and inspiration.

When community members have access to local land for the purpose of growing food, social justice, economic security and community political participation are strengthened. As people work together to grow food and re-connect with the land, communities and families grow strong, hopeful, confident and healthy.”

Policies and Procedures

The Encinitas Community Garden Board of Directors is responsible for enforcing the following policies and procedures that serve those persons who use the garden.

I. Gardening Facilities

1. Garden hours –8 am – dark. Please display courtesy to neighbors with respect to any noise.
2. Bathrooms are available.
3. Vehicles can be parked in the designated locations.
4. Pets are not allowed in the Garden.
5. Family members are welcome at the garden site. Young children must be supervised so that they do not disturb other plots.

II. Allocation of plots

1. All persons using the garden facilities must be registered with the Encinitas Community Garden; all plot holders will be issued a Community Garden Agreement.
2. Agreement to use the community garden shall be in writing, and at a fee established by the Encinitas Community Garden. Fees will be reviewed annually, and agreements may be renewed at the sole discretion of the ECG Board of Directors.
3. Assignment of garden plots shall be made solely by the Encinitas Community Garden Board of Directors.
 - A. After all available garden plots have been assigned, a waiting list will be maintained by the ECG Board; persons will be notified when their name comes to the top of the list and a plot is available. Residents will be given priority over non-residents on the list. No guarantee as to the location of the plot or the condition of the soil is possible.
 - B. A person refusing an available garden plot will have their name removed from the waiting list

unless otherwise requested. When all plots have been assigned and a waiting list exists, those on vacation at the times of notification or those having any other legitimate reason for not being able to accept a plot will have their place held in abeyance until contact has been made with the ECG, or an added 15 days has past.

C. Only when garden plots remain readily available, and a waiting list does not exist, may persons apply for additional plots in any agreement year.

4. Gardeners are permitted to plant within their assigned plot only, unless express approval is granted by the ECG Board of Directors.

5. The agreement of any gardener may be revoked if a plot is abandoned, or if - in the sole opinion of the ECG Board of Directors - it has not been properly maintained, within 30-days of written notification.

III. Garden Maintenance

1. It is the responsibility of each gardener to keep his/her vegetation trimmed, completely clear of the pathways at all times, and to weekly weed abate the immediately adjacent 2' of the pathways. Gardeners are asked to keep their garden plots clean and weed-free.

2. The disposal of trash, recyclables, and green waste from plots is the responsibility of each gardener. Centralized trash/recycling containers may be utilized by gardeners. Green waste of no greater than 18" in size may be deposited by gardeners in the centralized composting facility.

3. Synthetic herbicides, pesticides and fertilizers are prohibited in the garden. No pesticides or herbicides are to be used at the garden unless express written permission is obtained from the ECG Board of Directors.

4. In the case of a prolonged absence (*vacation, sickness, etc.*), gardeners must ensure that the designated replacement (*Member or non-member*) maintains and cares for the garden plot. Replacement member name must be submitted in writing to the ECG Board.

5. All non-vegetative garbage should be disposed of in the garbage cans on site. Weeds should be bagged and taken away. All other plant material can be placed in the compost area.

6. Fences, trellises, vines, or other structures to be built on or placed in a garden plot must have prior approval of the ECG Board. Part of the critique for these items will be whether they infringe upon or shade neighboring garden plots or pathways.

7. Gardeners shall not remove any planted material or improvements from any plot of any other gardener without express permission from that gardener.

8. All materials stored within a plot, such as wood, stakes, fence screen, etc., must be kept in a neat and orderly condition.

9. Please dispose of weeds and plant materials in designated compost areas.

IV. Common Ground

1. The maintenance of common space within the garden is the mutual responsibility of all gardeners. The entire area must be kept free of any weeds, plant overgrowth, or debris. The common ground (*found along the edges and pathways*) is managed for the good of all gardeners.
2. Gardeners are asked to use these spaces with respect, participate and maintain the upkeep of the garden.

V. Courtesy

1. All gardeners are to conduct themselves in a legal, adult, and sensible manner.

VI. Water Management

1. Wasting water is prohibited.
 - A. Do not flood other plots or pathways.
 - B. Do not leave plot unattended while irrigating, unless irrigation is on a timer.
 - C. The use of drip systems and tight hose washers is encouraged.
2. When you leave the garden, please make sure the water is turned off.
3. All gardeners must comply with the provisions of the city's Drought Response Plan and Water Conservation Program Ordinance.

I have read, understand and agree to the above.

PRINT NAME: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE** _____

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