

City of Costa Mesa
Public Services Department - Recreation Division
2012 Community Garden By-Laws-DRAFT

The Community Garden Program has been developed to provide gardeners the opportunity to actively grow food, flowers and plants for personal enjoyment, and not for resale.

Garden hours: Monday - Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to dusk; Sunday, 9:00 a.m. to dusk.

Motorized Equipment Cannot Be Used Before 9:00 a.m. on Saturday and 11:00 a.m. on Sunday.

1. Parcels will be assigned by the Public Services Department, Recreation Division. The City may assign parcels to community/charitable organizations as appropriate.
2. There is a limit of one garden parcel per household. Parcels must be actively gardened. Parcels not actively gardened for thirty (30) days will be reassigned after 3 warning contacts.
3. Animals are not permitted in the garden area including dogs or pets on a leash.
4. All crops grown are for personal consumption or gifts - not for commercial use or resale.
5. The City is not responsible for the theft of crops, tools, or personal belongings.
6. Gardeners may not use any type of chemical product on any parcel.
7. Alcohol consumption, smoking, and loitering in the garden after dusk is prohibited in the garden or in parking lot area.
8. All garden parcels must be kept in a clean, neat and weed free condition at all times. Gardeners must maintain the aisle way surrounding their parcel and keep them in a clean, neat and weed free condition. Gardeners are encouraged to spread bark in the aisle way to inhibit the growth of weeds, reduce dust, and cover mud.
9. All material, plants, pots, supplies, tools, bins, branches, vines, etc., must remain within the parcel boundary at all times. All aisles must be free and clear of all plants, tools, pots, etc. Plants whose growth extends into the aisle way must be kept trimmed and out of the aisle way. Gardeners are not permitted to place any item, plant or grow any seed, plant, shrub, tree, or vine on or near the garden fencing. Anything grown or placed in common areas or against the fences will be removed by the City without notice.
10. All items used in the parcel must be appropriate for gardening. Frames constructed of simple stakes, string, or prefabricated lightweight wire frames available at nurseries will be allowed. Household items such as baby gates, tires, bookcases, shelves, construction material, screen doors, mailboxes or other similar items are not permitted.
11. Private vehicles may load/unload supplies or equipment only in the common area and only for the time needed to load/unload. No vehicles are allowed in the aisles at any time.
12. Garden parcels are limited to approximately 15' x 15' boundaries. City shall, at City convenience, re-stake and verify parcel boundaries as needed. Gardeners are not allowed to extend their garden or encroach into the common area or into another parcel.
13. Trees, plants, trellis, archways, or any other item in the parcel must not exceed 6 feet in height or unreasonably cast shade onto any other parcel. If any item does cast shade or impact another parcel in any way, the gardener will trim and/or adjust the heights or take other necessary measures to eliminate the impact on the other parcel.
14. No standing water is allowed. All watering must be contained within parcel boundary, with no overflow.
15. Upon termination of garden contract, it is the responsibility of the gardener to clear the parcel. If a parcel is not cleared, the key/clean-up deposit will not be refunded.
16. Violation of this agreement and/or Bylaws shall be grounds for termination of privileges afforded to the Gardener.
17. Any unsafe condition should be brought to the attention of the Recreation Division at (714) 754-5300.

ANY GARDENER WHO DOES NOT COMPLY WITH THESE BY-LAWS AFTER BEING PROPERTY NOTIFIED WILL BE ASKED-REQUIRED TO SURRENDER THEIR GARDEN PARCEL AND GATE KEY, WITHOUT REFUND.

By Signing the Garden Renewal form, I acknowledge that I have read the Community Garden By-Laws and agree to abide by all rules and regulations.