



RECREATION

Use of Community Facilities, Community Gardens– Rules

PURPOSE:

Need to be written.

1. GENERAL REGULATIONS

- 1.1.** The Recreation Department (RD) is responsible for the fair and equitable use of the Community Gardens (CG) area, also known as the 1.8 Acres, and will also be responsible for ensuring that all of the conditions of these rules are followed.
- 1.2.** The CG plots are for Golden Rain Foundation (GRF) Authorized Residents (AR) in good standing only. Only one garden shall be assigned per household, but two (2) ARs from different households can share a garden as long as both names are on the garden lease.
- 1.3.** Mutual-Unit/Renter/Lessees must follow all rules and are subject to any consequences for failure to do so. The Mutual Unit/Member/Owner is ultimately responsible for the behavior and actions of their Renter/Lessee (R/L) and will be held responsible for any fees, fines or disciplinary consequences incurred by the Renter/Lessees. See Policy 30-5093-1, Shareholder Code of Conduct.
- 1.4.** If an Member/Owner (M/O) subsequently rents their Mutual unit, the M/O forfeits the right to retain their garden and must notify the RD and relinquish it immediately.
- 1.5.** If a R/L has a garden leased, the lease shall be terminated immediately upon termination of their tenancy in the M/O's Mutual unit unless the AR moves to another rental unit in the community immediately.
- 1.6.** The CGs are a non-smoking, tobacco-free, vape-free, drug-free, firearms/weapons-free, and alcohol-free environment.
- 1.7.** No animals are allowed in the CG area: Qualified Service dogs will be allowed in the garden area. They must always remain on an (8) eight-foot leash and be under the control of the AR. The owner must pick up after them immediately. They are not allowed in any other person's garden.
- 1.8.** Radios or music device are allowed with headphones.
- 1.9.** Spaces may be leased on an annual basis for a maximum of six consecutive years. Upon the completion of the sixth year, Lessees must relinquish their garden. The Lessee can then be added to the waiting list for another garden if they so desire.
- 1.10.** Gardens shall not be abandoned, traded, or given up to another AR by the Lessee. If you choose to relinquish your space, you must notify the Recreation

(Dec 20)

GOLDEN RAIN FOUNDATION Seal Beach, California

RECREATION**Use of Community Facilities, Community Gardens– Rules**

Department, and your space will be reassigned to the next AR on the waiting list. No refunds shall be issued for any monies paid to GRF.

- 1.11.** Lessee is responsible for the planning and management of their own garden, including providing seeds, plants, amendments, perimeter 'bunny' fencing, and any tools. Garden must be worked solely by the Lessee. Exception: In case of an injury or temporary illness, Lessee shall notify the RD in writing and a "garden angel" can be assigned to care for your garden with the approval of the RD. Only ARs may be appointed as a "garden angel."
- 1.12.** Lessee may bring guests, including children, into the CG area, provided that the guests comply with the GRF Code of Conduct. Children must always be accompanied by an adult.
- 1.13.** Neither Lessees nor their guests may enter other gardens or harvest produce without explicit written permission from that garden's Lessee. A copy of written permission must be kept on record in the RD office.
- 1.14.** Lessees will keep clean and neat and weed free any common areas, such as adjacent pathways. Lessee will promptly report any concerns about safety of the garden to the RD. The adjacent pathway along the wall bordering Nassau Drive and all walkways must always be kept clear of gardening tools and plant materials from the gardens.
- 1.15.** Storage containers made of metal or wood are not permitted; Storage containers must be the type approved by the RD and the storage container and tools must be kept within the boundaries of the designated garden.
- 1.16.** Fences may not exceed two (2) feet in height to avoid shading a neighbor's garden.
- 1.17.** Structures to encourage vertical growing, including arbors, trellises, tree branch frames, and cages are only allowed during growing season if they are functional, orderly, safe, and do not conflict with CG standards.
- 1.18.** GRF does not permit the construction or existence of permanent shelter structures within the individual's garden, including personal sheds, storage, or shade units.
- 1.19.** One faucet is set up for up to four gardens for watering. The gardens that are assigned to that area have exclusive use of the water fixture.
- 1.20.** Automatic sprinklers and soaker hoses are forbidden. Lessees must turn off water faucet or valve before leaving the garden and shall not leave watering unattended at any time. Water run-off is not permitted on roadways, walkways, sidewalks, or adjacent gardens.
- 1.21.** Crushed rock or gravel is not permitted inside the gardens.
- 1.22.** No wood treated with wood preservative shall be used in any gardens.



RECREATION

Use of Community Facilities, Community Gardens– Rules

- 1.23. No piles of wood, brick, pipes, hoses, or fencing shall be stored in gardens.
- 1.24. All items, such as hoses, tools, and containers shall be safely stored to avoid trips and falls.
- 1.25. The use of “scrap” materials, such as broken bricks or pavers, scraps of wood, metal, or plastic is not permitted.
- 1.26. Items not authorized must be disabled and removed from the garden by required compliance date.
- 1.27. All trees, miniature trees, shrubs, or bush type fruit trees must be potted with a solid base underneath, and not exceed four (4) feet tall. Trees or shrubs cannot extend over walkways or exceed four (4) feet in height during any month of the year. Any existing tree, shrubs, or bush type fruit trees shall be removed when a lot is vacated.
- 1.28. No more than twenty percent 20% of garden may be planted in flowers, the remaining balance shall be used to plant produce.
- 1.29. The RD may order the forfeiture of a garden when any Lessee does not maintain their garden as described in these rules. Failure to plant at least seventy-five percent (75%) of a plot for three (3) months, shall be sufficient cause to forfeit the garden.
- 1.30. If a garden appears untended (overgrown weeds, unharvested), the Lessee will be issued a violation notice. If the violation is not remedied by the required compliance date of the third notice for the same violation, the RD may evict Lessee.
- 1.31. Lessees and their guests shall park in designated parking spaces only.
- 1.32. Dumpsters are available for the disposal of green waste and regular trash. See policy 60-5000-1, Dumpster Rules.
- 1.33. Gardens must be cleared of all vegetation and weeds before being vacated. . Failure to clean garden for final inspection will result in loss of lease deposit and and CG future privileges.
- 1.34. If the Lessee fails to comply with any terms of the lease within the allotted compliance time of the third notice for the same violation, the garden garden will be immediately forfeited with no refund of fees.
- 1.35. Lessees will not be entitled to any payment or reimbursement from the GRF for any materials planted, growing, or otherwise located within the CG or for any improvements made on the premises. All or any part of such material and improvements shall become the property of the GRF.

2. HOURS OF OPERATION

7:00 a.m. to dusk seven (7) days a week.

(Dec 20)

GOLDEN RAIN FOUNDATION Seal Beach, California



RECREATION

Use of Community Facilities, Community Gardens– Rules

3. MAINTENANCE OF GARDENS

- 3.1.** To prevent the breeding of flies, harboring of rats, or air contamination, all decaying compost or newly delivered fertilizer shall be properly cared for by effectively sealing in plastic bags, or by turning it under in the garden within forty-eight 48 hours.
- 3.2.** Gardens must always be maintained and kept free of debris.
- 3.3.** Keep all gardens, including the walkway areas to the north and east of the garden, free from all grass and weeds throughout the year.
- 3.4.** Use care and caution while watering in order to keep from flooding neighboring gardens and pathways.
- 3.5.** Use care when spraying or dusting for bugs, snails, and other garden pests. Lessees must make every effort to ensure there is no drifting of pesticides to adjoining gardens. **GRF does not permit the use of Roundup on Trust property.** See Addendum A for approved pest control list.
- 3.6.** Store only the garden material necessary to supporting, staking or containing the plantings, neatly within the perimeter of one's assigned garden plot. No plants or vines shall be allowed to grow past a fence or property line, over walkways or sidewalks. No exterior fence will be used as a trellis on which to grow plants or vines.
- 3.7.** GRF is not liable for loss or damage to personal property, vandalism to the garden parcel, and/or destruction of crops due to disease, pests, rodents, gophers, inclement weather, or flooding from water run-off by hose/faucet whether coming from water lines inside or outside of gardens.
- 3.8.** All items stored within the garden plot must be essential to gardening. Pesticides of any kind may not be stored at the CG. Items such as wooden stakes, tomato cages, etc. must be kept in a neat and orderly manner. Materials may not be stored against the garden fencing.
- 3.9.** GRF is responsible for the maintenance and pest control of the common areas. Lessee is responsible for maintenance and pest control within their garden.
- 3.10.** Lessee is responsible for the cost, installation, and maintenance of fencing. RD staff must approve any fence or other structure prior to installation and follow GRF guidelines. Staff will provide written approval/permit for installation. This permit must be displayed at the garden for 30 days. See Addendum B for approved fencing.

4. CORRECTIVE ACTION

RECREATION**Use of Community Facilities, Community Gardens– Rules**

- 157 **4.1.** The RD may order the forfeiture of any garden when the Lessee fails to comply
 158 with this set of rules, or any action in violation of the established Code of
 159 Conduct policy, 30-5093-1.
 160
- 161 **4.2.** The RD (with Board approval) reserves the right to review and adjust the
 162 operating rules to accommodate the needs of the community at any time.
 163
- 164 **4.3.** The RD also reserves the right to enter any garden at any time.
 165
- 166 **4.4.** The AR is entitled to request a hearing if they disagree with any disciplinary
 167 decision.
 168

Document History

Adopted: 26 Nov 19 Amended: 28 Jan 20 Amended: 27 Oct 20
 Amended: 24 Nov 20 Amended: 23 Dec 20

Keywords: Mini Farm Garden Plot
 1.8 Acres

RECREATION

Use of Community Facilities, Community Gardens– Rules



194
195
196
197
198
199
200
201
202
203
204
205
206
207
208
209
210
211
212
213