

PEOPLE'S GARDENS OF TULARE COUNTY COMMUNITY GARDEN RULES

This document sets out the rules that govern the _____ Community Garden (the "Garden"). These Rules are intended to help all our gardeners grow fresh, healthy food in a thriving garden, to help create a sense of community among our gardeners, and to help the Garden to be a good neighbor.

The Tulare County Resource Conservation District (the "Sponsor") is a Special District that leases the land for the Garden, sponsors the Garden, and administers these Rules.

A. ACCESS TO THE GARDEN

Season: The Garden is open and accessible all year

Hours: Gardeners may be in the Garden between dawn to dusk.

Keys and Security: Sponsor will give each Landowner any key to the Garden. Gardeners may not make any copies of the key. On leaving the Garden, Gardeners are responsible for locking the gate if there are no other individuals in the Garden. Gardeners will follow any additional security guidelines that may be announced by Sponsor.

B. COMMON AREAS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Common Tools: Sponsor or Gardeners collectively will provide a set of tools in a storage shed in the Garden for use by all Gardeners (the "Common Tools.") Gardeners will return the Common Tools to the storage shed as soon as they are finished using them. If a Common Tool appears dangerous or in disrepair, Gardener will not use the Common Tool and inform Sponsor immediately.

Common Responsibilities: Gardeners will keep clean and neat any common areas, such as pathways and storage sheds. Gardeners will promptly report any concerns about the safety of the Garden to the Sponsor. If there is vandalism, storm damage, or other damage to the Garden, all Gardeners are expected to help in cleaning up and restoring the Garden to its prior condition, but the Sponsor will bear the cost of the repairs.

C. Communication

Garden Management: The Sponsor is Project Manager for the garden and will assign a Garden Manager who has complete authority to interpret the Rules and make decisions. The Garden Manager will coordinate Gardeners and other volunteers in their work in the garden.

Contact Information: The Sponsor will provide a bulletin/announcement board in the garden. Sponsor will post contact numbers on the board in the Garden.

Gardener Input: Gardeners are encouraged to provide suggestions about Garden operations to the Garden Manager. Gardeners and Volunteers should contact the Garden Manager directly at the number provided, not the Sponsor's office, with any questions relating to day-to-day operational matters.

Gardener Orientation: New Gardeners must attend a Sponsor-led orientation to become familiar with how the Garden functions and their responsibilities as a Gardener.

D. Conduct

General Conduct: Gardeners are expected to be civil, honest, and cooperative in dealing with the Landowner, Sponsor, Garden neighbors, other Gardeners, and guests of other Gardeners.

Guests: Gardeners may bring guests, including children, into the Garden, provided that the guests comply with the Rules. Gardeners will supervise any child under the age of sixteen. Gardeners will be responsible for the conduct of children and their guests including making sure they do not damage or interfere with activities or otherwise engage in inappropriate conduct. Guest violations of these Rules are treated as violations by the Gardener.

Pets: Gardeners may not bring any pets or animals into the Garden, including for burial.

No Illegal Plants: Gardeners may not grow any plants considered illegal under state or federal law. For example, Gardeners may not grow Cannabis sativa (marijuana), whether or not the use of marijuana may be lawful for medical purposes under state law.

Compliance: Gardeners must comply with all applicable local, state, and federal laws.

No Firearms: Gardeners may not carry, use, or store firearms in the Garden.

No Smoking: Gardeners may not smoke in the Garden.

No Alcohol/Drug Use: Gardeners may not consume or use alcohol or illegal drugs while on the Garden premises. Gardeners may not bring alcohol or illegal drugs onto the Garden premises. Gardeners may not come into the Garden while under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs.

No Sexual Relations: Gardeners may not engage in sexual relations in the Garden.

No Fires or Cooking: Gardeners may not start or maintain a campfire, burn weeds, use a barbecue grill, or cook in the Garden.

No Loud Music: Gardeners may not play music or the radio loud enough to be a nuisance to other Gardeners or to the Garden's neighbors.

No Sales: The Garden is for personal, noncommercial use only; Gardeners may not sell any produce or flowers grown in the Garden.

E. Problems

Dispute Resolution: Gardeners will raise with the Garden Manager any disputes about the Garden or with fellow Gardeners. The Garden Manager will have the power to hear these disputes and will resolve them in the best interest of the Garden.

Rules Violations: Gardeners may lose their rights to participate in the Garden if they fail to comply with any of these Rules. If a Gardener:

- endangers other Gardeners, Sponsor, neighbors, or other individuals;
- takes or uses another Gardener's tools, supplies, or produce without permission;
- encroaches on Garden neighbors' property;
- grows illegal plants;
- carries, uses or stores firearms in the Garden;
- uses alcohol or illegal drugs in the Garden; or
- has sexual relations in the Garden

The Sponsor may, at its discretion, terminate immediately the Gardener's right to participate in the Garden. If that occurs, the Gardener must leave the Garden by the end of Garden hours on the termination day and may not reenter without Sponsor's permission. If a Gardener violates any other of these Rules, Sponsor will inform Gardener of the violation by sending an email or letter to Gardener.

No Limit on Sponsor Rights:

The process described in this Section E does not (i) limit the Sponsor's ability to enforce its rights under these Rules; (ii) limit or qualify a Gardener's obligation to comply with applicable law or the Rules; or (iii) limit the Sponsor's right to notify and/or involve government authorities as it may determine.

F. OTHER PROVISIONS

Changes in the Rules: Sponsor may amend these Rules in its discretion without advance notice. Sponsor will provide all Gardeners with a copy of the current Rules, will post a copy of the current rules at the Garden.

No Discrimination: Sponsor will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, age, medical condition, ancestry, marital status, citizenship, sexual orientation, gender identity, or status as a veteran.