



Stanford West Community Garden Rules:

No smoking permitted in the garden premises anytime.

Common areas (pathways, meeting areas) must be kept clear of hoses equipment, toys and plants.

1. The Stanford West Community Garden Program constitutes a completely organic gardening project. Only organic materials are to be used for borders, planter boxes, weed or pest control, and fertilization of the garden plots. No non-organic pesticides, herbicides, chemical fertilizers, or chemically treated wood products are to be used in any garden site. Violation of this rule will be cause for termination of the Stanford West Community Vegetable Garden plot and participation in the garden program.
2. Stanford West is responsible for all irrigation systems, weed and/or pest control, and maintenance of the parameter on all garden sites. Gardeners are not allowed to contract for, or perform, any type of electrical or irrigation work.
3. The garden plot and its maintenance is the responsibility of the gardener. Plots and walkways shall be kept free of weeds, debris and trash year-round. Any gardener composting is restricted to the confines of their assigned plot. The entire garden plot must be cultivated and contain an average planting density. All plot residents are required to remove and dispose of green waste in trash dumpsters. A chair or small bench is acceptable for use as a resting place, but no patio sets, furniture, tables, barbeques, or other furnishings are allowed.
4. Gardeners are to keep one-half of the width of all the walkways around their garden plot free of weeds and vegetation. Plants that overgrow and block the walkway are to be trimmed back.
5. Each community garden site is maintained by the resident gardeners and all gardeners are expected to help on scheduled work days. The Community Garden Coordinator is responsible for scheduling garden work days. The number of work days per year will vary according to size of the garden and the amount of maintenance required to keep the garden site well groomed. Gardeners who consistently avoid doing their share of community garden work are subject to verbal or written warning, and possible loss of the garden plot.
6. Garden plots are confined to the assigned locations and a gardener may occupy only one garden plot. No person may use a vacant plot or other area in the gardens without the prior written approval from the Community Garden Coordinator. The Garden Coordinator may make exceptions in unusual circumstances (i.e., extremely small plot or sunlight has deteriorated due to shade trees). No garden plot shall be traded, divided, shared, sub-leased, or otherwise changed from the original plot assigned and licensed to the signatory gardener. If any change is desired, contact the Community Garden Coordinator. All requests will be reviewed and decided on an individual basis. An exchange of plots is an option, but must be approved by the Community Garden Coordinator before any exchange occurs.

7. Only plant material, vegetables, flowers, berries and herbs may be grown in the plots. No produce from the plot shall be used for commercial profit. Tall plants, such as corn, berries and tall vines should be located so that they do not produce shade on adjacent plots, and do not extend into pathways. Permanent plants (i.e., roses) are not to be over 5' in height. Fruit trees and bushes are not permitted because of their invasive root systems and shading potential. Berry bushes are to be maintained in 2' wide paths with 18" of cleared pathway between each 2' section of berries. Weeds and debris are to be cleared from the base of the berries. Berries are to be kept in the gardener's plot and not allowed to droop over into main pathways or other garden plots. There should be no plantings of plants included in the book *Invasive Plants of California's Wildlands* by Carla C. Bossard, John M. Randall, and Marc C Hoshovsky.

If a vine is planted and a trellis is required, Stanford West will supply the trellis. Please notify the Community Garden Coordinator and a trellis will be ordered.

8. In the interest of **water conservation**, gardeners are **required** to remain in the vicinity of their plots while watering and are requested to turn off faucets at unattended plots. No sprinklers or hoses may be left on for extended period of time. Please report any leaky faucets, rain barrels etc to Community Garden Volunteer immediately.

9. Automatic watering systems prevent other gardeners from accessing the community water supply and contribute to low water pressure problems at some sites. Therefore, **automatic watering systems are not permitted.**

10. Plot holders are expected to conduct themselves in a safe, respectful and courteous manner toward other garden residents. Any gardener taking produce from a plot other than his/her own, will be terminated from the garden program and their license to garden revoked immediately. Garden conflicts should be taken to the Garden Coordinator for resolution. In the event that the Garden Liaison cannot resolve the issue, the problem is to be taken to the Stanford West's Garden Coordinator for resolution. Non-compliance with this rule can subject the offending gardener to immediate dismissal from the garden program.

If you will not be participating in the fall garden please notify the Community Garden Coordinator. If plots are not planted for more than 30 days you relinquish your garden plot.

April 1 of each year all garden plots will be tilled by Stanford West Apartments.

11. Dogs are not allowed inside any garden plots, either on or off a leash.

Violation of any Community Garden Rule will subject the gardener to a verbal or written warning and/or possible revocation of his/her assigned garden plot. If sufficient improvement is not demonstrated on an on-going basis, and the garden plot will be revoked. The plot will be issued to the next person on the waiting list. Any items remaining in the plot will be given to the person taking the plot.

The good faith judgment of the Community Garden Coordinator will be sufficient cause for enforcement of the Community Garden Rules, including revocation of any garden plots.