

COMMUNITY GARDENS

The County of Santa Cruz Department of Parks, Open Space and Cultural Services has garden plots available in selected locations within the park system. The following information outlines the regulations, fees, and other information associated with the rental and maintenance of garden plots. Please call 454-7938 with questions that are not addressed within this document.

General Information:

- The tenant who rents the garden plot is solely responsible for its condition and all matters related to it.
- A family may only rent one garden plot.
- Garden plots are made available by lottery.
- Garden fees are non-refundable, and plots are non-transferable; if you decide to give up your plot, please contact the Santa Cruz County Parks Facilities Office.
- Upon renting/renewing your garden plot, you must sign an agreement and abide by these garden rules as well as the Park rules (i.e. no alcohol, no amplified music, etc.).
- Please be aware that Santa Cruz County Parks is not responsible for losses or damages. The garden is a public place and occasionally vegetables and flowers may be taken; theft should be reported to the Sheriff's Department.
- Garden plots are to be maintained throughout the entire year, January through December.

- Tool/material storage is provided, all tools must be returned to storage bin after use. Keys or combination codes to the storage bin must only be in possession of plot renters.
- Poor maintenance and neglect will lead to notification by mail, giving the tenant fifteen (15) working days to improve the area. Failure to take action after notice is given will result in reassignment of the plot.
- Park gates are closed at dusk.
- Please report any problems to Santa Cruz County Parks Facilities Office.

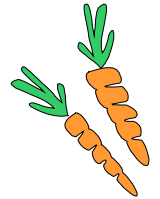
Fees:

Resident \$55.00/yr
Non-Resident \$60.00/yr

Rules/Regulations:

- No vehicles allowed in the park, parking in designated areas only.
- No dogs allowed in garden area.
- Only vegetables, fruits, herb and flowers may be grown. Do not plant cactus, bamboo, trees, rice, etc.
- Only organic gardening methods are to be used. No use of insecticides, or weed repellents is permitted.
- Produce grown in the garden may not be used or sold for commercial purposes.
- 75% of the plot must be utilized for active planting of vegetables, herbs or flowers.

- Compost is to be buried in your garden or disposed of in the compost pile at the garden area.
- Dispose promptly of garden refuse and over ripe vegetables which attract pests.
- Unattended watering is not permitted. Notify the Parks Department of any leaks in the water line. Make sure all faucets are off when you leave the garden.



Plot Maintenance:

- Keep plants cut back so that they do not extend into the walkways and paths.
- Plan ahead when planting so that plants, when grown, will not shade a neighboring plot.
- Keep plots free of weeds. To control Bind Weed, Bermuda and Nut Grass effectively, dig out each root, immediately take it to the green waste container. Do Not Compost!
- When absent for ten or more days, arrange for a caretaker to keep plot clean.
- Do not store gardening tools or materials (buckets, pots, bricks, wood, etc.) in garden plots.
- Work cooperatively with neighboring gardeners to maintain paths and walkways between plots.