

Garden Plot Guidelines

- The tenant renting the garden plot is solely responsible for its condition and all matters related to it.
- A family may rent only one garden plot.
- Garden plots are made available by waitlist.
- Garden fees are non-refundable and plots are non-transferable. If you decide to give up your plot, please contact the Parks Facilities office.
- Upon renting/renewing your garden plot, you must sign a permit and abide by the rules and guidelines outlined in this brochure, as well as any rules associated with the parks in which the garden plot is located (e.g. no alcohol, no amplified music, etc.).
- Please be aware that Santa Cruz County Parks is not responsible for any loss or damages incurred. The community garden is a public place and, as such, vegetables and flowers may be taken. Please report any theft or vandalism to the Sheriff's Department.
- Garden plots are to be maintained year-round, January through December.
- Tool/material storage is provided. All tools must be returned after use to the storage bin. Storage bin keys or combination codes are for plot renters only and must not be shared with others.

- In the case of poor plot maintenance or neglect, plot renters will be notified by mail/email and given fifteen (15) working days to improve their plot. Failure to take action after notice will result in reassignment of the plot.
- Park hours are dawn to dusk. Park gates are closed at dusk.
- Please report any problems or issues to the Parks Facilities office.

Fees

Resident: \$65.00/year

Non-Resident: \$70.00/year

Plot Maintenance

- Keep plants cut back so that they do not extend into the walkways and paths.
- Plan ahead so that full-grown plants will not shade a neighboring plot.
- Keep plots free of weeds. To effectively control bindweed, Bermuda grass, and Nutgrass, dig out each root and immediately take it to the green waste container; Do Not Compost!
- When absent for ten or more days, arrange for a caretaker to keep your plot maintained and watered.
- 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.

Rules/Regulations

- No vehicles are allowed within the park. Parking is permitted in designated areas only.
- Dogs are not allowed in the garden area.
- Only vegetables, fruits, herbs, and flowers may be grown. Do not plant invasives such as cactus, bamboo, trees, etc., or water-intensive plants, such as rice, taro, etc.
- Only organic gardening methods are to be used. No use of insecticides or weed repellent 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.
- Plants must be harvested and not allowed to go to seed.
- Compost is to be buried in your garden or disposed of in the compost pile in the garden area.
- Promptly dispose of garden refuse and overripe vegetables, as they can attract pests.
- Unattended watering is not permitted. Promptly notify the Parks Department of any leaks in the water line. Ensure all faucets are off and the shed is locked when you leave the garden.
- Access to water is only permitted for gardening purposes, not personal use.

Community Garden Plots

The Santa Cruz County Department of Parks, Open Space and Cultural Services has garden plots available in several locations within the park system.

The information in this brochure outlines the regulations, fees, and other details associated with the rental and maintenance of garden plots.



Availability of plots varies per park. When new community garden parks open we will select from a lottery of the existing waitlist. Accessible plots (ADA compliant) are also available. To be placed on the waitlist, please email reservations@scparcs.com; include your name, address and contact information.

If you have questions about garden plots that are not addressed in this brochure, please call Parks Facilities at (831) 454-7938 or email reservations@scparcs.com.

Plot Locations

Jose Avenue Park, Live Oak

Felt Street Park, Live Oak

The Farm Park, Soquel

Chanticleer Park (future park site in Live Oak)

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