

**CALISTOGA COMMUNITY GARDEN, INC.**  
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**RULES**

The Calistoga Community Garden is a cooperative effort between the City of Calistoga and Calistoga Community Garden, Inc., to provide opportunities to Calistoga residents for an enhanced gardening experience and to add to the fund of garden knowledge locally. The Community Garden is located at the Logvy Community Park near the corner of Washington and North Oak Streets.

In any group endeavor, the individual must adjust their behavior to accommodate the function of the group. Community gardening is no exception, so we have rules. These rules are sanctioned by the City of Calistoga and the Calistoga Community Garden Board of Directors. Failure to observe the garden rules may result in loss of gardening privileges and forfeiture of fees paid. If you have questions about any of the rules, it is your responsibility to call a Board Member immediately for clarification.

1. **Garden Plots:** Garden plots are limited to one (1) per Calistoga household. Additional plots may be obtained if available after the first round of sign-ups. A waiting list is maintained year-round.
2. **Garden Season:** Plots will be assigned for the calendar year (January – December). Plots must be planted by June 15<sup>th</sup>. If your plot is not planted by June 15<sup>th</sup>, use of your plot will be revoked, without refund, and be reassigned to the next person on the waiting list. Garden plots must be completely cleared by December 15<sup>th</sup>, unless you have applied for, paid for, and been allotted the same plot for the following year.
3. **Hours:** Hours are dawn to dusk. The gate will be kept locked to discourage vandalism. Do not share your key or lock combination with others as this would compromise the garden's security for other gardeners.
4. **Personal Conduct:** The Community Garden is by nature a co-operative venture of the plot holders. Please conduct yourself in a manner that is considerate of others and of maintaining a tranquil atmosphere in the garden. Loud, offensive, or boisterous activity is not allowed. The behavior of family members and friends is the plot holder's responsibility. Do not trespass on other garden plots. Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages or illegal substances is prohibited within the Community Garden. Smoking is not allowed in the Community Garden.
5. **Guests and Pets:** Guests must be accompanied by a plot holder. Pets are allowed in the garden as long as they are leashed away from the common area and

not making excessive noise. Any plot holder may ask a pet owner to leave the garden if the pet's behavior is bothersome to the plot holder. Pet owners are required to clean up after their pets.

6. **Plantings:** Gardeners must plant and keep all vegetation within the established plot boundaries. Tall plants such as corn and sunflowers must be located such that they do not shade adjoining garden plots. No plants are to protrude into pathways.

No trees may be planted in the garden plots. Plants that have invasive root systems, that spread and cannot be contained, such as raspberries, blackberries, mint family, or wisteria are not allowed. Certain plants are poisonous, especially for children. Do not plant them in the Community Garden. If you have any questions whether a plant falls into one of these categories, present your question to the Board for research or a decision. Plants or produce grown in the garden are considered to be for the plot holder's consumption.

7. **Weeds:** Garden plots must be kept free from weeds, rotting vegetation, and refuse; this includes all adjoining walkways. It is your responsibility to maintain the walkways adjacent to your plot so that gardeners can move freely between plots. Your TWO specific paths maintain are the one on the border of your plot closest to the garden gate and the path bordering your plot closest to the center of the garden. Weeds and water usage must be kept under control at all times so as not to cause damage to adjacent plots. Pull weeds BEFORE they drop seed. This will benefit your plot and those around you. Only non-toxic herbicides that conform with State law are permitted.

8. **Water and Electricity:** Water and electricity are precious resources. All gardeners must take care to conserve both of these. The City of Calistoga provides water and electricity to the Community Garden. To conserve water, a drip irrigation system is used to distribute the water. A primary loop is provided throughout the garden. Individual plot holders must tie into this system and provide their own tubing, connections and heads to extend water distribution about their plot. The drip irrigation system runs on a timer. If you have issues with the amount of water flow your plot receives, contact a Board member or the water volunteer whose name is posted and they will determine if adjustments can be made to resolve this issue. No garden hoses, soaker hoses or spray emitters are allowed in the garden. Please use the watering cans for spot watering. Remember, DRIP IRRIGATION ONLY!

9. **Fertilizers and Soil Amendments:** Use of fertilizer material or tillage methods harmful to humans, the soil structure, fertility, or soil micro-organisms is not acceptable. No grass clippings are to be brought into the garden due to the possibility of accidental introduction of weeds, Bermuda grass, etc.

**ACCEPTABLE:** Cottonseed, blood, bone, horn, or hoop meals, kelp, manure, compost, liquid fish or seaweed, bacillus,

thuigiensis, soap spray, pepper and onion spray, sulphur, wood ashes, sour milk solution, traps, tanglefoot, marigolds, netting, lady bugs, lace wings, and similar non-toxic fertilizers and soil amendments.

**NON ACCEPTABLE:** Toxic substances such as ammonium sulphate, muriate of potash, upperphosphate highly soluble chemical fertilizers, rotenone, pyrethium, servin, malathion, diazinon, and nicotine sulfate.

All fertilizers, soil amendments, and pesticides used must conform with State law.

10. **Rodent Control:** No toxic substances may be used for rodent control.
11. **Composting:** You may maintain a small compost plot within your garden plot. A central compost system has been established. Compostable materials (green, not woody) should be placed in the large bin (#1). Please read “Composting Instructions” on the bulletin board and follow them.
12. **Improvements:** No permanent structures, with the exception of a storage shed and sign, are allowed in the garden. You may bring tools and supplies and take them home with you each time you use the garden, store them in a tool shed, or store them in your garden. Improvements to individual gardens such as storage boxes, trellises, shade devices, raised beds, the construction of the bed boundaries must comply with the standard established by the Board. A copy of the raised bed standards is available from any Board Member.
13. **Refuse:** Recyclable materials are to be taken home for appropriate disposal. Non-organic refuse must be hauled away by gardeners. Small amounts of trash generated at the garden may be placed in the City trash receptacles outside the gate. Larger items such as old tomato cages and stakes must be removed from the property and disposed of at home.
14. **Personal Property:** Plants, produce, supplies and tools supplied by a gardener for their garden are to be considered the personal property of the gardener. At no time should plants, cuttings, produce, supplies or tools be removed or borrowed from another gardener’s plot without their specific permission. In the tool shed, on the right-hand side, any tools painted in the garden’s moss green and coral are for use by all. Materials and supplies shall not be placed against or upon the perimeter fencing of the gardens. Violation of this policy will result in revocation of the violator’s use of their garden plot.
15. **Vehicles:** No automobiles, trucks, or motorcycles are allowed in the garden. Use a wheelbarrow or cart to transport materials from the garden gate to your plot. Personal wheelbarrows and carts may be left in the garden at owner’s risk. The cart with the green grating and the large Vermont cart belong to the garden

and are for use by all. They are never to leave the Logvy Community Park. Please store the wooden cart inside the shed if rain threatens.

16. **Parking:** Parking is available next to the garden. Use the main Logvy Park entrance for cars.
17. **Security:** Each plot holder will be given a key to the gate. The gate may be left unlocked while there are gardeners in the garden. The last gardener to leave must close the tool shed door and lock the gate. Never give your key to anyone who is not a registered plot holder.
18. **Public Display:** No advertising shall be exhibited and no solicitation or sales may be made on the grounds without permission of the Community Garden Board and the City of Calistoga. No decorations or banners may be erected without written approval of the Community Garden Board and the City of Calistoga.
19. **Shade:** The large umbrellas in the shed are for your use in shading plots while you work. They must be rolled up and returned to the shed after use so they can't blow over and damage the plots.
20. **Garden Cleanup Obligation:** Plot holders are required to attend scheduled garden clean-ups or make alternative arrangements with the volunteer CCG Board to assist in the maintenance of the garden by working one hour per year. Unless this duty is performed prior to registration for the following year, the plot holder will not be permitted to sign up.

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