



Community Garden Member Guidelines

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Environmental sustainability and community participation are key to the successful management of the community garden. The following guidelines can ensure these objectives are met.

1. The annual membership fee is \$12.00 to cover the cost of the garden expenses.
2. On joining the garden a fee of \$3.00 is to be paid to cover the cost of key/s. The cost is refunded when gardeners relinquish their plot **AND** return their key/s, with the receipt, that is obtained when issued the key/s. In the case of lost key/s, all replacement keys must be paid for by the plot gardener.
3. Keys **MUST** be returned to the Garden Co-ordinator or the Co-ordinator of the UNSWCDP and the plot will be assigned to the next person on the waiting list, when the plot is no longer being used.
4. Garden plots will be restricted to one plot per household.
5. If gardeners are unable to tend their plot, arrangement can be made for a family member, friend or other gardener to tend their plot. If gardener fail to tend their plot and the plot becomes wild, or is left fallow for more than 6 weeks. The gardener will be contacted and given 2 weeks notice to clean it up. If gardeners fail to do this the plot will be resigned to the next person on the waiting list.

6. If gardeners must be absent from their plot for longer than 6 weeks, the Co-ordinator of the garden, or the Co-ordinator of the UNSWCDP (ph 9245 1841) must be notified.

7. NO TOOLS belonging to the garden are to leave the garden. All tools MUST be cleaned, dried and returned to the tool box/ shed. Missing tools must be reported to the Garden Co-ordinator.

8. **The garden toolbox/ shed and gate must be locked when gardeners leave the garden**

9. All gardeners will act with **RESPECT** and **CONSIDERATION** towards other members of the garden and the garden itself. **No abusive or threatening behaviour will be tolerated.**

10. People under the influence of alcohol and or other drugs are **NOT** permitted in the garden at any time.

11. Gardeners will keep plots, general areas clean and tidy and remove rubbish. Gardeners will keep plot free of weeds.

12. If gardeners bring a pet into the garden, it must be tied up securely to prevent any damage to the garden and clean up after. Gardeners accept full responsibility for any damage done to the garden and will repair/ or replace all damaged items and plants.

13. Gardeners can pick only their own crops unless given permission by another gardener to pick their plot.

14. If gardeners have any concerns about the garden or other gardener, they should contact the Co-ordinator of the garden, or the Co-ordinator of the UNSWCDP (ph 9245 1841)

15. Gardeners will NOT plant tall crops / trees. Trees can **ONLY** be planted in common garden areas **and** with the agreement of the garden group.

16. Stakes should be used for climbing plants. Stakes can be bundled and stores in the tool box/shed when not in use.

17. Gardeners cannot erect permanent structures within their plots nor can they store building or other materials there. However up to 1 metre high fence can be erected around plots and can only be made from wire mesh.

All Gardeners Must

a) **Water** - all gardeners are not to waste water in the garden. Hoses must be hand hold and not left running unattended. "Sydney Water" restrictions apply and must be adhered to at all times. The use of watering cans/buckets is strongly encouraged.

b) **Composting** – gardeners are encouraged to place any suitable waste plant matter (**not** meat products) in the large composting bins. Wood, plastic bags, tins cans, polystyrene foam boxes or other general waste **Must Not** be added to compost. Gardeners are to break up any plant matter into smaller pieces, to assist in the composting process.

c) **Open** the garden to the community on Garden Open Days

18. Gardeners should respect the garden as an organic system. Gardeners are to use only organic fertilizer, compost & mulch.

19. All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

20. Visitors are the responsibility of the gardener who has invited them in.

21. The use of plots for growing plants commercially is not permitted.

22. Gardeners are to attend meetings and working bees, or send apologies if unable to attend. **Further** if gardeners are unable to attend any meeting or working bee in a 6 month period their plot will be reallocated.

23. If Gardeners are not satisfied with any decisions undertaken by the garden group, these concerns can be taken to the UNSW Community Development Community Garden Committee (ph 92451841)