

## **Plot Rental Agreement**

The Community Gardens of Santa Clarita endeavors to provide a peaceful, welcoming place where participants can plant and tend their garden. It is important to always remember that you have close neighbors and cooperation among gardeners is essential to everyone's enjoyment of the Gardens.

## I will:

- 1. Commence cultivating/planting my garden within three (3) weeks, once assigned.
- 2. Consistently garden, cultivate, and manage my plot year-round and only use organic gardening amendments (OMRI). Pesticides or other harsh chemicals are not permitted.
- 3. Only plant vegetables, herbs and flowers in the plot with the majority being vegetables and herbs. All plants will be kept within the perimeter of my plot. Trees, shrubs, invasive or illegal plants will not be permitted in my plot.
- 4. Maintain my fencing height at 36 inches. Any modifications to plot height, wood frames, fencing, paint, etc. will require Council approval.
- 5. Volunteer a minimum of twelve\* (12) work hours per year to maintain the Community Gardens. \*If a gardener begins after January 1st, these hours will be prorated.
- 6. Not smoke, consume alcohol, use drugs or play loud music in the Gardens.
- 7. Always have my pets on a leash in the Gardens and clean up after them.
- 8. Supervise my children when at the gardens and be responsible for my guests provided they sign a waiver(s) **which is required** prior to entering the Gardens.
- 9. Not disclose the gate combinations to non-members of the Gardens.
- 10. Not interfere with or touch any other gardener's plot without their express permission to do so.
- 11. Not create problems, talk about other gardeners or disrespect any member of the Gardens. I will refer any disputes to the Garden Council whose resolution will be accepted as final.

Failure to comply with the rules and guidelines of this Agreement as well as that of the Bylaws and Rules and Regulations may result in my dismissal from the Gardens, forfeiture of any residual rent and termination of this Agreement immediately.

Should I vacate my plot for any reason, I will leave the area in planting condition and all personal items will be removed prior to relinquishing the plot or I will forfeit my cleaning deposit. The Community Gardens will not be responsible for any personal items left in the plot.

I acknowledge receipt of these rules and guidelines and confirm that I have read and understand the agreement for participation in the Community Gardens of Santa Clarita.

Gardener's Printed Name:	Plot#
Gardener's Signature:	Date