

Anthill Village Community Garden

Membership Agreement -- February 20, 2012 through February 19, 2013

Please read carefully. **You are responsible for abiding by these rules.**

1. Garden club membership for 2012-13 is from February 20, 2012 through February 19, 2013.
2. Plots are assigned throughout the year by a club officer. Gardeners may not trade or sub-lease garden plots and must show proof of identity at the time of assignment.
3. Each family is limited to no more than two garden plots. Gardeners with adjoining plots may not remove the dividers that delineate each plot.
4. New members have 14 days from the date the plot is assigned to begin working the plot. If a garden is not started, by a majority vote of the Committee, it may be reassigned to another gardener.
5. Established gardens must be worked throughout the year. Gardens that are considered abandoned, as defined in Bylaw 3 of the Anthill Village Community Garden Club Constitution will be subject to reassignment.
6. Planting may occur only within designated plot boundaries.
7. Gardens must be kept clean and free of weeds. It is the responsibility of each gardener to keep the walkways surrounding his/her plot(s) clear and free of plant materials and supplies.
8. Supplies may be stored within the boundaries of the garden plot so long as the appearance of the garden remains clean and well-kept.
9. Never throw anything such as trash, weeds, plant material, spoiled fruits or vegetables in the field surrounding our garden.
10. Any structures, raised beds, etc., constructed within a garden plot must be created entirely of materials appropriate for use in gardens. While recycling of materials is supported, use of items such as discarded shipping pallets, screen doors, etc., is not allowed.
11. Perimeter fences around plots are prohibited. No structures may obstruct vision throughout the garden. Exceptions are trellises and wire used to grow climbing plants, which may not exceed six feet.
12. No trees may be planted in-ground within garden plots. Trees in pots may be kept as long as they do not exceed six feet in height and do not cast shadows on neighboring garden plots.
13. No fertilizers, insecticides, weed killers, or weed repellent may be used in a manner that will in any way be detrimental to adjacent gardens or grounds.
14. Over-watering that causes excessive run-off is prohibited. Leaving water turned on while you are not present is prohibited. Use of automatic timers for watering also is prohibited. Hoses must be turned off and neatly coiled before leaving.

15. Garden plots must at all times be maintained in a safe condition or the University has the right to rectify the situation immediately. If the University is required to remedy an unsafe situation a second time, the gardener must relinquish his/her plot.
16. Garden members should arrange for another AVCG gardener to maintain plot(s) when they are away on vacation, or for any other reason, unable to tend their plot. Or the member may add additional gardeners to the membership by having new members read Member Agreement, fill out & sign Member Information sheet and submit to an officer or mail to the P.O. Box.
17. Tools available for use by all gardeners are to be stored in the garden shed. After use, gardeners must return community tools to the shed. They should not be left out over night.
18. The Club may install a combination lock on the garden gate. The last gardener to leave the garden is required to lock the gate.
19. Children are not allowed to play in the garden unsupervised. Parents are expected to keep their children out of other gardeners' plots.
20. Dogs and other domestic animals are not allowed on University property, including this garden.
21. No University trees, shrubs, or properties may be damaged or removed.
22. When a gardener relinquishes a plot, it shall be cleared and left in a clean and attractive manner.
23. Parking is allowed only in the designated AVCG parking area and the assigned placard must be displayed on the dashboard.
24. Gardeners hereby hold the University of California, Irvine harmless for any and all liability which may be incurred as a result of the gardener's use of the premises.
25. No alcohol, drugs or tobacco are allowed within the Anthill Village Community Garden site, nor may illegal substances be grown in garden plots.
26. All related University policies and guidelines that apply to the community garden will be enforced at the Anthill Village Community Garden. Refer to <http://www.policies.uci.edu/>.
27. If a garden plot is in violation of these guidelines or is untended, the officers of the Anthill Village Community Garden Club will email a notice to the member(s) assigned to the plot advising him, her or them that the plot is out of compliance with the terms of the Membership Agreement. The gardener must correct the situation within 14 days to the satisfaction of the officers of the Club, or the gardener will relinquish the plot(s).