



LYNWOOD COMMUNITY GARDEN

Garden Plot Application

Submittal of an application is not a guarantee of a plot assignment

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

City/State _____ Zip _____

Phone (home) _____ (Cell) _____

Email Address: _____

Are you a returning Lynwood community garden plot applicant? YES ___ NO ___

Are you applying as an individual or as a group? _____

What type of plants, flowers or crops are you planning to grow if approved for a plot?

Annual license fee and deposit to be submitted at time of application:

_____ **19' or 18' raised bed @ \$100.00/ bed per year** \$ _____

_____ **13' or 12' raised bed @ \$85.00/ bed per year** \$ _____

_____ **10' raised bed @ \$70.00/ bed per year** \$ _____

_____ **Refundable damage deposit @ \$50.00** \$ _____

TOTAL DUE: \$ _____

Ten (10) volunteer hours per year are required to help make the garden an enjoyable place for all. Please mark three areas that you would be interested in volunteering with during the year. Each gardener is expected to help during the year with general chores in areas outside of their own garden bed.

_____ Site Maintenance

_____ Path Maintenance

_____ Phone Calls

_____ Repair Projects

_____ Mailings

_____ Watering

_____ Assigning Plots

_____ Annual Planting

_____ Fall Cleanup

_____ Docent/Instructor

_____ Social Events

_____ Weeding

_____ Mentoring Fellow Gardener

_____ Community Presentation/Lesson

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Contract and release of all claims

I, _____, am a participant in the Lynwood Community Garden (LCG). As a condition of being allowed to participate in the Community Garden, I acknowledge and agree to the following:

- I have read the rules, received a copy, and understand the conditions of being responsible for a plot in the LCG. I understand that failure to comply may result in non-renewal/non-approval of my application or immediate termination of gardening privileges – with no refunds. I am duly aware of the risks and hazards that might arise through participation in the Lynwood Community Garden, and assume any expenses and liabilities incurred in the event of an accident, illness or other incapacity. I am also aware that the City makes no representation to the suitability of LCG plots/beds to grow any specific plant or crop. If I have any questions about the Lynwood Community Garden, I will contact the City of Lynwood Recreation & Community Services Department at (310) 603-0220 ext.319.
- In consideration of being granted the opportunity to participate in the Lynwood Community Garden, I, my children, my executors, do hereby release and forever discharge the Garden Committee, the City of Lynwood and its agents, LCG volunteers, and other LCG gardeners from all claims of damages, demands, and any actions whatsoever, including those based on negligence, in any manner arising out of my participation in this garden. I understand that this Release means that, among other things, I am giving up my right to sue for any such losses, damages, injury or costs that I might incur.

I certify that my true age is either at least 18 years old and that I have read this entire Release, fully understand it, and I agree to be legally bound by it.

Participant's Signature _____

Agency/Group Name (If applicable) _____

Printed Name _____ Date _____

Approved

City Representative _____ Date _____

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Garden Rules

Introduction and background

Community Garden Goals:

- Provide access to grow food and promote healthy eating
- Provide a community teaching tool
- Offer education and recreational gardening opportunities to the community
- Create a beautiful and serene amenity to the neighborhood for all ages to enjoy

The volunteer Lynwood Garden Oversight Committee (committee) is responsible for ensuring that the rules are followed at all times. Consequences for failure to uphold the garden rules, terms, or conditions are cause for exclusion from the garden and immediate loss of garden privileges – with no refunds. If a violation of the garden is noted, the following will occur:

1. One verbal warning from the committee or staff liaison will be issued.
2. If no response or correction is made, a written notice will be issued.
3. If no further response or correction is made, written final notification forfeiting gardening privileges will be issued.
4. Reapplication after one year will be at the discretion of the oversight committee.

Rules, Terms, and Conditions for Participation

Garden Use and Maintenance

1. A raised bed of 19'/18' is \$100/year. A raised bed of 13'/12' is \$80/year. A raised bed of 10' is \$70/year. No refunds period will begin immediately following acceptance of the application. If interest in a plot/bed size exceeds availability, plots will be awarded to approved applicants by lottery. Garden plots are non-transferrable.
2. In order to promote security and safety, a \$50.00 refundable deposit is due and payable along with the yearly license fee application. Locks will be changed periodically and combinations will be issued at that time.
3. Assignment of garden plots will be determined by an application process reviewed by the LCG Committee and the Recreation Department. Granting of a plot in one season is not a guarantee of a plot in any subsequent season.
4. Plots must be cultivated and planted within two weeks of plot assignment. Plots cannot be left unattended for any period of three weeks or longer without arrangements through the garden committee.
5. The garden is open from dawn to dusk.
6. All plants must be maintained within the limits of the plot/bed and not allowed to grow more than six feet high. Invasive plants are prohibited (such as Bamboo or English Ivy).
7. Garden plots are for growing produce (veggies, herbs, and fruit) and flowers/small shrubs. No illegal plants are to be grown. *The plots are on public property – no invasive or Federally illegal/restricted plants are allowed.*
8. Plot and surrounding areas must be kept clean, and reasonably free of pests and weeds. Gardeners are responsible for all tilling, soil amendments, cultivating, fertilizing, and watering, etc. Water spigots and hoses are available at the garden.
10. If Gardner no longer wants or is able to garden, please contact the LCG committee. Removal of all plot plants and personal tools must be done within two weeks of leaving the plot for return of deposit.

Cultivation

1. Hoses, watering equipment and some tools will be available in the community garden storage shed and must remain on the premises.
2. Garden fence lock codes are intended for access to the garden by the approved persons on each application. Gardeners are responsible for using their code each time they work in the garden and to make sure any storage areas and garden gates are locked when leaving.
3. Garden plots should be cared for at least once a week. It is the gardener's responsibility to notify the Garden Committee if he or she is unable to care for their plot in any given week. Gardeners may arrange for other gardeners to water their plots.
4. Garden safe and eco-friendly practices are encouraged. The use of synthetic chemicals that act as pesticides and herbicides/weed killers is not allowed (such as Roundup and Corry's Slug and Snail Death).
5. Organic methods for weed and pest control are encouraged (such as Sluggo and Safer Insecticidal Soap brands, especially brands with OMRI labeling).
6. Organic fertilizers are recommended. Use of animal manures is prohibited.
7. Practice water-wise guidelines.

Good Neighbor Practices

1. Children and visitors must be supervised at all times when they are in the garden, and need to follow all garden rules.
2. Use common courtesy and resolve differences in a neighborly way. Stay polite and listen carefully to other gardeners if there is a problem. Solutions are usually easily resolved. No verbal or physical abuse tolerated.
3. Pets or animals of any kind are not allowed in the garden.
4. Smoking, alcohol and illegal drugs are prohibited.
5. There is no removal of another gardener's plants, flowers, fruits or vegetables, etc. allowed without the owner's consent. Maliciousness of any kind towards another gardener or plot will not be tolerated.

Community Building

1. Gardeners are expected to contribute their time to help with general chores in areas outside of their own garden bed. .
2. Attendance is encouraged to participate in garden club meetings.
3. Shared tools or materials provided by the garden for community use will remain on the garden premises.
4. Work to keep the garden a happy, secure, and enjoyable place where all participants can garden and socialize peacefully in a neighborly manner.

Month-By-Month Planting Guide for Southern California: A 'Cheat Sheet'

lagardenblog.com - David King

JANUARY:

Plant in the ground: lettuce, carrots, beets, parsnips, potatoes, celeriac, radishes, spinach,

Plant in containers: lettuce, cabbage, broccoli, kale, chard, (these last two **can** be started now, but they would have been better started earlier – their production will be reduced by the coming warmer weather), peas, fava beans, lentils, garbanzo beans

FEBRUARY:

Plant in the ground: lettuce (and other salad greens), carrots, beets parsnips, radishes, spinach, purple beans

Plant in containers: early tomatoes, basil, cucumbers, summer squash

MARCH:

Plant in the ground: purple beans, lettuce, radishes, purple beans, beets, radishes, spinach, set out plants of basil, early tomatoes, later in the month, sow early sweet corn,

Plant in containers: tomatoes, basil, peppers, eggplant, cucumbers, melons, all squash,

APRIL

Plant in the ground: beans of all colors, lettuce, radishes, beets, spinach, set out plants of tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, basil; you can start planting all corn now

Plant in containers: tomatoes, basil, peppers, eggplant, cucumbers, melons & squash, okra,

MAY:

Plant in the ground: all basil, eggplant, all melons and all squash (including cucumbers, set out plants of same and all tomatoes, eggplants and peppers) green and yellow beans and all the dried beans; corn too, if you have room

Plant in containers: As in April, but it's getting late – peppers, eggplants and basil are still OK to start, but it's getting late, did I say it was getting late?

JUNE:

Plant in the ground: all the above, but it's getting late... you can still get a crop, but it will be cut shorter by any early cool weather; the last of the corn can go in early in the month

Plant in containers: after starting pumpkin seeds, take a nap

JULY:

Plant in the ground only out of necessity – extreme necessity

Plant in containers: continue napping

AUGUST:

Plant in the ground: nothing if you can avoid it

Plant in containers: towards the end of the month, in a shaded location, the first of the winter veggies can be started, cabbage, broccoli, kale, chard, fava beans, leeks, shallots, onions...

SEPTEMBER:

Plant in the ground: nothing, until late in the month, start sowing turnips, parsnips, radishes, beets and carrots – keep seeds moist! Peas, lentils and garbanzo beans can be sown...

Plant in containers: Cabbage, broccoli, kale, chard, favas, cauliflower, Brussels sprouts,

OCTOBER:

Plant in the ground: by now you can begin to set out some of your cabbage, broccoli, kale, cauliflower, chard and so on. Continue with seeds as above... you can also direct sow favas if you want. Potatoes can usually be found about now as well as sets or seed bulbs of onions, garlic and shallots and they all should be planted from now until late November.

Plant in containers: More *Cruciferae* and favas, celery and celeriac,

NOVEMBER:

Plant in the ground: More of September's plants can be sown – you still have time for all of them except onions, this will be the last month to plant peas, lentils, garbanzos,

shallots, garlic and fava beans. Their growing season is too long to get the harvest you would want. Although the legumes can be planted if you are willing to take a lesser harvest or are using them as a cover (green manure) crop. Plant in containers: I'm still sowing cabbages, broccoli and cauliflower, but Brussels sprouts are a longer season item so they're not a part of my efforts until next season's planting begins.

DECEMBER:

Plant in the ground: Too little light and too many parties make it difficult to find garden time – but if you have some things left over from November, try to get that done.

Plant in containers: Pretty much the same story, if you have time, do more of all that's listed from November.

There are two big shifts in Southern Californian gardening: At the end of September, beginning of October it's all about the winter crops. At the end of February, beginning of March, the focus all shifts to summer and the heat lovers. Seeds get started slightly before then (if you have the right conditions, up to six weeks before then!).