

General Information Registration fees The annual registration fee is \$25 and is due by April 15th of each year. All garden registrations are renewed annually. Any plot not registered by the due date is subject to being made available to new gardeners.

Coordinator: Nancy Shinn Email address: garden@tahoe-park.org Address: 5959 8th ave, Sacramento, CA 95820 Policies There is a limit of 1 plot per household. Garden plots must be used by the gardeners to whom they are assigned. Gardens must be actively used for growing crops and/or flowers. Gardens must be cared for throughout the year, including during the winter. Plots that are not used or cared for will be reassigned. Weeds all plots and adjacent paths must be maintained weed free throughout the year. Plots in violation of this policy may be reassigned. Please note that herbicides are not allowed. Plants that are invasive or fast spreading plants such as mint, bronze fennel, comfrey, lemon balm, horseradish, ivy, holly, lesser celandine, marsh marigold, etc. are not permitted in the garden. Remove these plants if they are growing in your plot. Paths and Boundaries The boundaries of each garden plot are marked. Your garden plants must not extend into or over the path or boundary of your plot. Please try to work with your neighbor when planting tall things such as sunflowers or bean trellises so you don't shade the adjacent gardens. Chemicals as this community garden is located on school district property, we are obliged to follow the policy on pesticides and to adopt principles of "Integrated Pest Management (IPM)." IPM is an ecosystem-based strategy that focuses on long-term prevention of pests or their damage through a combination of techniques such as biological control, habitat manipulation modification of cultural practices and use of resistant varieties. Pesticides are used only after monitoring indicates they are needed according to established guidelines,

and treatment are made with the goal of removing only target organism. Pest control materials are selected and applied in a manner that minimizes risks to human health, beneficial and non-target organisms, and the environment,”

Sacramento City Unified School District prohibits the application of chemical pesticides on its property unless approved. Any gardener who believes their plot has a pest problem that would justify the use of chemical pesticides should contact the garden coordinator for a consultation. An extensive listing of less toxic pest control, weed control and fertilizer products is posted at your local garden center and is also available at this website:

<http://www.ourwaterourworld.org/Home.aspx> The use of chemical fertilizers in the garden is not allowed. Examples of organic fertilizers include compost, composed manure, seaweed, and fish emulsion. Bone meal, blood meal. Coffee grounds, earthworm casings, bat guano, and cover crops.

Waste Plant debris is best utilized by composting, digging it into the soil or as mulch. Trash, especially plastic, should be picked up and disposed of promptly. No debris of any kind should be left at the site. Please take your trash home or use trash receptacles available next to the school. **Water** Do not leave water turned on while you are not in the garden. Any water left unattended will be turned off. Please check the city code for watering to avoid fines. This is always subject to change. Violation of the city code can result in termination of your plot.

<http://portal.cityofsacramento.org/utilities/conservation>

This is the watering schedule as of March 2015. Addresses ending in odd numbers (1, 3, 5, 7, or 9) are permitted to water on Tuesdays and Saturdays ONLY, before 10 a.m. and after 7 p.m. No watering is permitted on Mondays, Thursdays or

Fridays. Overwatering is prohibited. During dry months (beginning when daylight savings time begins), residents and businesses are restricted to watering before 10 a.m. and after 7 p.m. Residents or Businesses that utilize drip irrigation are exempt from watering restrictions during winter and dry month watering schedules.

Tools we try to keep a few basic tools in the tool shed. Please return them to the shed when you are through using them. Tools are used and maintained at the gardener's own risk. Tools are donated for garden use. Pets Pets are not welcome unless they are on a leash and kept out of other people's gardens. Volunteer Hours All gardeners are encouraged to participate in the repair, maintenance and improvement of the garden facilities and the common area for least a few hours each year. If the times are not convenient for you, please consider helping out in other ways.

Abandonment any garden plot that is visually abandoned may be reassigned after reasonable notice. If you are unable to care for your plot for an extended period of time, please consider giving it up so that someone else can use it. Policy Enforcement The coordinator is responsible for interpreting and enforcing the policies. Most things can be resolved in an informal manner. The coordinator will attempt to call or meet the gardener to discuss the problem.