

❖ **Blue “C” Community Garden** ❖
Los Osos, CA
GARDEN RULES

1. Plot payments are due every 12 months and the fee is \$60. Checks should be made out to Ecologistics, Inc.
2. This is an organic garden. No poisonous pesticides or herbicides will be allowed. It is recommended that gardeners use natural fertilizers. For suggestions or if a problem develops, please seek advice for the head gardener, Lucy Norwood at 548-0597 or call a nursery and specify that you are an organic gardener. Use of inorganic pesticides or herbicides will result in immediate termination of your plot without refund.
3. Plot holders in the community garden may plant flowers, vegetables and fruit with the exception of bramble fruits, bamboo, invasive vines, trees, poisonous or illegal plants. Please keep flower plantings to 10% or less of your garden space. This list of prohibited plants is subject to revision at any time and any questions about this should be brought to the head gardener before planting.
4. Plan to be in the garden during daylight hours only. Please be courteous to neighbors by keeping voices down, not walking on other plots and parking in designated areas only. No smoking is allowed within 50 feet of the garden. Please try to conclude your gardening by 7:00 p.m. during summer hours out of respect for the neighbors.
5. Each gardener agrees to receive an orientation become familiar with the garden rules and basic organic gardening practices. Each gardener agrees to abide by the garden rules and policies.
6. Pets are not allowed in the garden under any circumstances, even on a leash, except for service dogs. Dogs may be kept on a leash, outside of the garden.
7. Children should be supervised at all times.
8. Only the designated representative of the Blue “C” Community Garden assigns garden plots. Plot holders may not reassign or lease their plot to anyone at anytime.
9. If garden plots are not maintained, agreements will be terminated and plots reassigned. Gardeners of poorly maintained plots will be given written notification by postcard and requested to talk to the designated garden representative. A 14-day grace period will be allowed after written notification has been given before unkempt plots will be recycled to a new gardener. Fees will not be refunded. An example of an unmaintained garden would be a plot with weeds more than 3” tall or weeds that are allowed to flower or where pests are allowed to proliferate.
10. All watering should be restricted to your plot only, and you must be in attendance at all times during watering. To conserve water, turn off water when not in use, water in late afternoon whenever possible, use water saving devices, keep soil cultivated and/or mulched so it can accept water readily. One 50’ hose serves four contiguous garden plots. Please limit your use of the hose to 15 minutes at a time.
11. Structures, such as supports for tomatoes or pea vines, cold frames, toolboxes or fences are subject to approval by the head gardener. The use of treated lumber in the garden is not allowed.
12. Keep you plot free of weeds, diseased plants and trash. Please harvest ripe produce promptly. Please contribute pulled weeds and clippings to the community compost pile, using the bin on the left. Use mulch whenever possible to keep soil damp and discourage weeds. Clean up your plot at the end of the season. Keep pathways clear of weeds, tools and rocks in the area of your plot.
13. Vandalism should be immediately reported to the head gardener, or after hours to the Sheriff.
14. Blue “C” Community Garden reserves the right to create, change, monitor and enforce guidelines for all gardeners, plot and the community garden in general.
15. If you are going to be on vacation and need help with watering, place on of the blue flags in all plots that need water and other gardeners will help keep your plot watered until your return. If you see a blue flag up and the plot looks dry, help out your fellow gardener by giving it some water. Blue flags are stuck in the ground outside of the shed.

Orientation Date

By:

Gardener