



Community Gardens of Tucson, Inc.

Building Community Through Gardening

Benedictine Checklist

- Plot size 3 ft x 20 ft – The long dimension is the north south dimension. You can use the graph paper to layout your garden.
- The rows are numbered from north to south and the plots are numbered from east to west. Row #1 is the most northern row, #2 is in the middle and #3 is the most southern row. Plots 1-1, 2-1 and 3-1 are the most eastern plots. Plots 1-8, 2-8 and 3-8 are the most western plots. There are two stakes that mark the centerline of each plot.
- Rows 1 & 2 - At the southern ends of rows 1 & 2 near plots 1-3 and 2-3 you will see capped standpipes. These are pipes connected to the Sister's well. The feed for these pipes comes from directly west (toward the house). This means that plot 1-4 through 1-8 and 2-4 through 2-8 have a potential to hit the pipes when you dig down deep. Please be aware of this and avoid any problems by staying clear of them. It won't hurt the plots to not be dug in that small portion of the plot.
- Garden hours – The garden is available for your use during daylight hours only. Please use common sense and not make loud noises too early or too late and be considerate of the Sisters and neighbors. Using the garden when it is dark can be hazardous to you and may frighten the Sisters and neighbors.
- Irrigation times – In order to detect irrigation problems, you need to know when the system will be on. The northern most row comes on at 9:00AM and 4:00PM. The other rows come on, in order, following the northern row. In the winter, each row is watered 20 minutes in the morning only. In the summer, each row is watered for 30 minutes, morning and evening. The schedule is subject to change.
- Irrigation leaks – After you spend a little time in the garden, you will be shown how to repair leaks in your T-tape. You will also need how to turn off the water in case of emergency.
- Contact information – Your packet contains the phone numbers for all of your fellow gardeners. The contact list is provided to you so that you may contact your fellow gardeners with questions about their plants and plots, discuss garden related issues or inform a plot user of a problem with their plot. In addition to your fellow gardener's contact information, listed is the contact information for the administrator, the site coordinator and the person responsible for major water repairs, the water meister. When there is a water leak that you can't fix, you are requested to first contact the site coordinator. If you are unable to reach him/her, please call the water meister.
- Hose location and storage – Please be sure to turn off the water at the spigot not just the plastic hose sprayer and put the hose back in the middle area. When finished using them, please leave them in a single long loop in the center aisles.



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- Compost bins and composting – There are several compost bins in the garden. Materials will compost faster if they are chopped, chipped or shredded prior to going in to the bins. No grass or weeds!
- Garbage – Please put garbage in a trash bag (available in the shed) and take it home. Use the CGT gray garbage cans. Do not use the compost bins or the Benedictine dumpsters for trash or weeds/grass.
- Do not use the red Benedictine hoses or spigots for watering your plots. Use only the green CGT spigots and hoses. This is city water.
- Property Owners – Sisters of the Benedictine Monastery of Perpetual Adoration, 800 N. Country Club.
- There are several extra stakes pounded in around the property. Please don't touch them. These stakes are the stakes we used to lay out the entire garden area. They are reference stakes. Should the plot stakes get messed up, we can use the reference stakes to get the plot stakes fixed.
- This garden has been carpeted. The purpose of the carpet is to keep down dust and prevent weeds. It has the added benefit of making it possible to garden during or after a rain without getting muddy. Obtaining and putting down the carpet was a tremendous amount of work. Please do your part to keep the carpets in place and clean. Try to minimize cutting the carpets since large pieces are difficult to find. Our experience has shown that the carpet does not kill the Bermuda grass. Instead, it provides a safe haven for the grass so that it can hide and continually spring attacks on your garden plot.
- Parking – Please use the gravel portion of the parking lot not the paved area.
- Storage shed – You are free to use anything in the shed. Please help keep it organized. Please clean mud off the tools before returning them to the shed.
- Monthly meetings – We meet on the 4th Saturday of every month at 8AM in the summer and 9AM in the winter, November – March. The meeting is very informal not like a business meeting. The purpose of the meetings is to learn something new and to maintain the common areas and talk to your fellow gardeners and master gardeners. The monthly meeting is a time to share stories, swap seeds and plants and harvests. It's also an opportunity to sit round the table and enjoy pot-luck food. There's a "Garden Walk" too, to praise and suggest and admire successes.