



Community Gardens of Tucson

Building Community through Gardening

Presidio Guidelines

Garden

- >Plot size 3 ft x 20 ft – The long dimension is the north south dimension. You can use 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 the next row, etc. and #6 is the most southern row. Plots 1-1, 2-1 and 3-1 are the most eastern plots. Plots 1-7, 2-7 and 3-7 are the most western plots. There are two stakes that mark the centerline of each 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 homeowners and neighbors. Using the garden when it is dark can be hazardous to you and may frighten the homeowners and neighbors.
- >Presidio Garden has carpet in all of the aisles and common areas. 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.
- >Garbage – Please put garbage in the garbage can not the compost bins or the vacant lot.
- >Homeowners – Fran and Charlie Garcia, 34xx E. Presidio.
- >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.
- >Parking – Please don't block the mailbox, any driveways or the garbage. You can park in the street, in the garden driveway or inside the tan fence area.
- >Storage shed – You are free to use anything in the metal shed. Please help keep it organized. Please clean mud off tools before returning them to shed or tool rack.
- >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 the hose, leave the sprayer in the "on" position and the hose in a single long loop in the center aisle.
- >Big Gate – Because of the weaving, the wind really catches the gate. When you open the gate, make sure that you leave it secured so that it can not blow violently. Please close the gate when you are the last to leave the garden. Be sure to use the S hook through the latch hole and to lock the padlock through the loop on both gates.



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Irrigation

>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 to know how to turn off the water in case of emergency.

Contacts

>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 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.

Compost

>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.

Meeting

>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 may be a "Garden Walk" too, to praise and suggest and admire successes.

>Presidio and Davidson hold combined garden meetings and alternate locations from month to month. You will receive a meeting reminder each month that includes the location.