



Community Gardens of Tucson, Inc.

Building Community Through Gardening

St. Gregory Garden Checklist

School Rules

- The school is open from 7:30am to 4:00pm Mon-Fri from August 12, 2009 through May 28, 2010. When you visit the garden, please greet the guard and tell him that you are a gardener in the community garden.
- Please do not use loud machinery (tillers, chippers, etc.) during school hours.
- Please keep the garden gates closed at all times.
- When the kids are coming and going, it can be a little hectic. Avoid the garden during those times, if possible: 7:30-8:15am, 2:40pm – 3:40pm.
- Parking – Please do not park in reserved spaces.
- There will be students around the garden much of the time. They have been great so far but if there is a problem, please refrain from addressing the kids or the teachers directly and call the front desk and then ask for Elie Rabinowitz, 327-6395.

Garden

- Address – 3231 N. Craycroft
- 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 next, etc. Plots 1-1, 2-1, etc. are the most eastern plots. Plots 1-11, 2-11, etc. are the most western plots. There are two stakes that mark the centerline of each plot.
- There may be 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.
- Garden hours – The garden is available for your use during daylight only. Please use common sense and do not make loud noises too early or too late and be considerate of the neighbors. Do not visit the garden when it is dark. It can be hazardous to you and may frighten the neighbors and cause an incident with the Police.
- Please check the locks before you leave the garden. Pull on the lock firmly, if it opens, it wasn't locked. If you think that the combination has been compromised, please tell the Site Coordinator.

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.



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- 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.
- Hose location and storage – The hose bibs are handle-less and the hoses are stored inside the shed to try to reduce vandalism. To water by hand you will need to get a hose and a handle out of the shed. Be sure to put them back in the shed when you are done.

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.

Garbage

- Garbage – Please put garbage in the garbage can not the compost bins or the desert area around the garden. The garbage can will need to be periodically emptied in to the school's dumpster. Since the area around the school is full of creatures, please take all food-like stuff home with you. There are large black garbage bags in the shed.

Shed

- Storage shed – You are free to use anything in the shed. Please help keep it organized.
- We want to avoid attracting vermin to the garden in general and to the shed in particular so please don't put food in the shed.
- Please keep the door closed and locked at all times.

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 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.

Meeting

- Monthly meetings – We meet on the 2nd Sunday 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.