



LA HABRA HARVESTERS COMMUNITY GARDEN AGREEMENT



Thank you for your interest in joining the La Habra Harvesters Community Garden! The Community Garden consists of 14 plots that are available for public use. The garden is a shared space and so it is important that everyone who uses it complies with rules to maintain the garden and cultivate positive relationships between community members. Use of the Community Garden is a privilege and all users must respect the land, other gardeners, and our neighbors. These garden rules will be reviewed every 12 months and necessary revisions will be made to ensure that they address the specific needs of the garden. Applications for garden use will be reviewed and a City staff member will contact you if you've been selected to manage a garden box.

Garden Hours, Maintenance, and Tools

1. Gardeners may access the garden from sunrise to sundown daily, year-round. Gardeners are responsible for locking the gate behind them. Keys or combinations are strictly for use by the selected applicant and their identified alternates and must not be shared with others.
2. Gardeners must plant their plot within 15 days of the plot being assigned. The plot must be actively gardened year-round.
3. If gardeners are unable to tend the plot, they must notify the Garden Leadership Team and arrange for an identified alternate to tend the plot.
4. Gardeners must keep their plot, paths, and surrounding areas around their plot clean and free of trash, weeds, and debris. They must keep the plot free of weeds, pests, and diseases. Because of

the communal nature of a community garden, this is necessary to control against invasions of the whole garden.

5. Plot boundaries are clearly defined and plants must remain within the boundaries of each plot. Gardeners may not plant trees in their plots or any plants higher than 4 feet.
6. Gardeners must not apply any pesticides, insecticides or herbicides in the garden without approval from the Garden Leadership team. Organic gardening promotes the health of our produce, soil, and fellow gardeners.
7. Gardeners will not cultivate any plants that are illegal under any federal, state, or local law.
8. Gardeners are responsible for taking any trash or recyclables that belong to them out of the garden.
9. Tools must be returned to their proper location after use to keep the garden and toolsheds in a neat condition. Gardeners are responsible for locking the toolsheds. If a tool is missing, damaged or broken, gardeners must inform a member of the Garden Leadership Team immediately. Gardeners may be held responsible for damaged or broken items or equipment and they may not be replaced if missing or broken.
10. Please conserve water and use a trigger-operated nozzle on the hose as required by California law. Notify the Garden Leadership Team of any leaks. Maintain your raised bed to conserve water.
Be sure to turn off the main water valve.
11. Leave all hoses coiled near the water spigots.

Plot Assignments and Gardener Meetings

12. Plots are assigned based on application information. Only one plot will be assigned per household. Applications will be accepted at the La Habra Community Center.

13. Plots are assigned for a 12-month period. Renewal is not automatic and is based on gardeners' compliance with these rules. After a plot has been renewed two times, it may be given to someone on the garden waitlist.
14. There is no garden fee at this time, but a fee may be established in the future.
15. If all plots have been assigned, an applicant will be placed on a waitlist. The volunteer Garden Leadership Team will maintain this waitlist.
16. Gardeners are required to attend quarterly meetings at the community garden.

Mutual Respect

17. Gardeners must not take food, plants or materials from other gardeners' plots.
18. Gardeners must not water, weed or cultivate other gardeners' plots without express permission from that plot's main gardener.
19. Gardeners must not use abusive or profane language or discriminate against others for any reason including but not limited to: age, race, religion, national origin, gender, sex, sexual orientation, political affiliation or ability.
20. Gardeners' guests and visitors may enter the garden only if accompanied by the main gardener. Guests and visitors must follow all rules, terms, and conditions stated here.
21. All children under 18 years must be supervised by a responsible adult.
22. Alcohol, tobacco, cannabis, and illegal drugs are prohibited in the garden. Anyone found to be under the influence of alcohol, cannabis or illegal drugs will forfeit their gardening rights.
23. Possession of dangerous chemicals, harmful substances, and fire

arms is prohibited at all times in the Community Garden.

24. Pets are not allowed in the garden.
25. Community events may only be held in the garden with the permission of the Garden Leadership Team.
26. Headphones must be used if playing music in the garden, except for at a community event with the permission of the Garden Leadership Team.

Safety

1. Please report any accidents or vandalism promptly to a member of the Garden Leadership Team at the La Habra Community Center, (562) 383-4200.
2. In case of fire or another emergency please call 911.

Consequences for Violating the Garden Rules

3. Gardeners may be asked to leave the garden for:
 - a. Violating the stated rules
 - b. Neglecting to maintain their plot
 - c. Harassment, discrimination, physical or verbal abuse of any party affiliated with the garden
4. Removal from the garden will follow:
 - a. For the first incident, a documented verbal warning made in a one-on-one meeting
 - b. For the second incident, a written warning
 - c. In the event of a third incident, a gardener will be asked to leave the garden
5. Upon dismissal, you have ten days to vacate the assigned plot. You may take plants from the plot and must restore the plot to its prior condition.

La Habra Garden Rules

- Gates must be locked after entering and leaving the gardens
- No altering the garden plot size
- Turn main water valve off when leaving garden
- No weeds or dead plant material may be maintained in the garden
- Pathways surrounding your plot must be kept clear
- No commercial gardening
- No storage or dumping of household items
- No metal of any kind (Tomato cages and gardening tools are okay)
- Any wood stakes used must be 2" or smaller. Stakes cannot be cemented into the ground
- No tapping into the city's water line. Watering must take place from a hose connection
- No plants over 4ft high
- No trees of any kind
- No Cactus are allowed in the plot, but Aloe Vera are allowed in pots only
- No Rosebushes
- No Bamboo
- No Sugarcane
- No Corn
- No Bee Boxes
- No automatic irrigation
- Registered gardener must be the person maintaining their garden
- Stealing will not be tolerated and will result in forfeiture of plot
- Have fun and enjoy your new garden!!

Must be a La Habra resident or Nonprofit Organization within the City of La Habra. Proof of Valid ID and/or mailing address will be required.



City of La Habra Waiver of Liability

“I agree to waive and release the Community Services Department and the City of La Habra (“City”), its officers, agents and employees from and against any and all claims, costs, liabilities, expenses or judgements, including attorney’s fees and court costs arising from my (or my child’s) participation in the City’s Community Garden program of any illness/injury resulting therefrom and hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless the City from and against any and all such claims, whether caused by negligence or otherwise, except for illness and injury resulting directly from gross negligence or willful misconduct on the part of the City or its employees. I understand and agree that by signing this waiver I am freeing the City, its employees, officers or agents from any liability resulting from my (or my child’s) participation in this sponsored event or activity. I recognize that the event can be dangerous to me (or my child) and accept those dangers. I understand that if I am (or my child) is injured this waiver will be used against me and anyone else claiming damage because of my (or my child’s) injury in any legal action. I also understand that no employee or agent is authorized to modify this waiver. I hereby represent that I understand and am familiar with the nature of the activities in which I (or my child) will participate in this program, that I (or my child) am in good physical health and that I (or my child) do not have physical or emotional conditions, past or present, of which I am aware, which would in any way affect my (or my child’s) ability to participate in this activity. I have personally read and understand this waiver.” In case of emergency, I give my permission for emergency medical treatment for myself or the minor and agree to pay any costs incurred as a result of such treatment. I also give my permission for any photographs taken of myself or any member of my family to be used for advertising purposes for the Community Services Department. This form shall be considered valid until canceled or changed in writing by the undersigned parent/guardian/participant and received by the City. My signature acknowledges that I understand and agree to the above conditions.



I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THE CITY OF LA HABRA'S WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND GARDEN AGREEMENT AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS AN EXPRESS WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND A RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT BETWEEN MYSELF AND THE CITY OF LA HABRA, AND AGREE TO IT WITH MY OWN FREE WILL.

Participant Name (Print) Participant Signature

Address Email

Contact Phone Number Alternative Phone Number

How many individuals live in your household? _____ Will children participate in maintaining a garden plot with parent supervision? If so, what ages? _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Relationship: _____ Phone Number: _____

Please tell us why you would like to participate in the La Habra Harvesters Community Garden Program:

I acknowledge that I have read, understand and agree to comply with the La Habra Community Garden policies, procedures and expectations. Failure to follow the Agreement will result in removal from the program.

_____ (Please initial)

Received by: _____ Date: _____ Time: _____
CS Team Member

Application Number: _____ Notes: _____