

**CALTECH COMMUNITY GARDEN CONTRACT**  
**Rules, Terms, and Conditions for Participation**

***Introduction***

*The Caltech Community Garden is an organization open to all members of the Caltech community. Plots are assigned to individuals with the intention that they be used according to the honor code and the rules outlined below. If you are found to be in violation of the honor code or any specific rules of the garden, you may lose your deposit and the right to your plot for the next growing season. This will be determined by the Board of the Caltech Gardening Society.*

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*If accepted as a gardener, I will abide by the following rules, terms, and conditions:*

1. A \$15 fee must be placed on each individual garden plot per season: October 1 – March 31 and April 1 – September 31.
2. Once I have been assigned a plot, I will cultivate and plant it within a month. I will use the plot for the entirety of the season. My plot cannot be left fallow or unused for any period of a month or longer per season.
3. My assigned plot is \_\_\_\_\_ (1/8 of a bed for individuals, variable for groups). I will not expand my plot beyond this measurement or into paths or other plots. I will keep all my plants within the limits of my garden plot and will not allow any plants to grow more than six feet high. I must keep my plot free of weeds, pests and diseases.
4. I will keep my plot, paths, and surrounding areas clean and neat. I will remove all trash from the garden and dispose of it appropriately. I will not leave rotting food in my plot.
5. I will not plant any illegal plant.
6. I will water my plot according to water-wise guidelines, using no more than my allocation of 15' of 1/4" tubing or 25 gph of water in drippers.
7. I will abide by organic gardening practices. I will not apply any pesticides in the garden without discussing it with all members of the garden.
8. I will not take food or plants from other gardeners' individual plots without due warning. I will not take anything from the garden that is not rightfully mine.
9. If I use tools that belong to the Gardening Society, I will sign them out, and clean and return them to their proper location after I am done with them. I will make sure that all tools are locked up when I leave the garden.
10. I will work to keep the garden a happy, secure, and enjoyable place where all participants can garden and socialize peacefully in a neighborly manner.

***Commitment***

*I have read and understand the application and accept these rules, terms, and conditions stated above for the participation in the Caltech Community Garden.*

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Gardener(s)*

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_