

Peardale Farm Community Garden, Inc. Gardening Rules and Regulations Agreement

Member

Garden Site #

Growing Season

Introduction

The garden (“Garden”) is a sanctuary for members to garden and learn together to produce healthy, fresh foods for their families and the community, while nurturing and protecting the natural environment. The Garden consists of three sections:

- (1) 25 numbered sites and connecting paths (with expansion potential);
- (2) Medicinal, Native, and Pollinator Hedgerow
- (3) 2 dedicated pollinator sites within the member garden beds
- (4) Common areas and communal beds TBD

The success of the Garden depends on Members contributing to the maintenance of the Common Area, communal beds, and/or the hedgerow and pollinator sites in addition to gardening in the numbered sites. Members are encouraged to become involved. There are many ways to contribute, for example, a Member may join a committee, do volunteer work (such as planting, weeding, pruning, mowing), or make other forms of donations (such as monetary, gardening supplies, fertilizer, soil amendments, plant donations).

I. Membership Privileges

1. Anyone who is a Member in good standing of the Peardale Farm Community Garden, Inc. (“PFCG”) may receive permission to garden, based upon availability. Refer to Section III.

II. Member Responsibilities

1. Members must actively maintain their numbered site year-round, either by plantings, using a cover crop or other means of weed abatement. If the site is not planted by the end of May, the Member agrees to remediation to meet this goal or the site will be reassigned. Refer to Section V.1.
2. Members are responsible for the year-round maintenance (including weed control) of their site’s surrounding pathways. Four-foot-wide paths are necessary between sites. Walkways need to be level and obstacle free for all to use.
3. Poisonous or illegal plant material will not be permitted. Cannabis Sativa is not permitted. Trees and large perennials may not be planted in sites. When in doubt, contact the Board.
4. It is PFCG’s intention to protect the natural environment by actively discouraging the growth of invasive species. See the Invasive Plant and Weed Appendix for a list of invasive plants in our area which are not permitted. Some are less aggressive than others and may be permitted, as listed. When in doubt, contact the Board.

5. No smoking, vaping, or loud music (or other disruptive activity) is permitted in the Garden.
6. Cooperate with your neighbors so that tall plants in one garden don't shade another. Do not pick produce, flowers, or other plant material from your neighbors' site. Only pick what you plant.
7. Family members or friends may help Members with their gardening but must be accompanied by the Member, are subject to these same rules and regulations and are the responsibility of the Member. Minors must be supervised at all times. Should a Member desire a Family member or friend tend their garden when they are unavailable, such a person must sign the PFCG waiver (available from the PFCG Secretary).
8. No pets (other than recognized service animals) of any kind, leashed or unleashed, are allowed.
9. Some tools are provided for sharing. Please treat them as if they were your own and return them in clean, working order.
10. Power tools are permitted. You may only bring and use tools you know how to operate safely into the Garden. PFCG's Lessor and PFCG are not responsible for personal injuries.
11. PFCG is not responsible for personal property at the Garden.
12. Plant material may be placed in the compost piles according to the posted guidelines. Please don't put bones, meat, dairy products or weeds in compost bins. Put trash and weeds in designated areas.
13. Water carefully. Do not waste water. Be sure to turn off faucets as soon as you finish watering. No unattended watering. No untrenched flood irrigation. Timers in good working order are permitted. No leaking hoses or fittings.
14. No raw manure may be used. Manure must be aged at least 1 year before entering the Garden.
15. Any pesticide use must conform with the following:
 - a. Only low toxicity materials, such as horticultural oils, insecticidal soaps, neem, Bt, copper spray, iron phosphate snail bait and spinosad are permitted. The use of Roundup, Carbaryl (Sevin), and Corry's Slug bait is not permitted in the Garden. If in doubt, please consult with the Board.
 - b. Only products labeled for homeowner use may be used.
 - c. Application must be strictly in accordance with label directions as to amount, protective gear, application instructions, etc.
 - d. Except for a partner who should observe the spraying from a safe distance, no one is allowed in the area when spraying is occurring. Any partners must also wear the appropriate protective gear. Do not spray in winds over 5 miles per hour.
 - e. Reentry instructions on the label must be respected. If you leave before the reentry period is complete, post your site as having been sprayed. Signs must show the date of spraying, material sprayed, and when reentry is allowed.

16. The use of this property is limited to gardening activities. No signs are allowed on the property. Any person placing signs on the property may lose permission to garden and all signs are subject to immediate removal. Educational or plant labeling signs are permitted.
17. Members are expected to behave respectfully toward other users of the Garden, including the general public. Engaging in aggressions or acts of hostility will result in the immediate revocation of your permission to enter the Garden.
18. If you experience any threatening or intimidating behavior, call Nevada County Dispatch at 530-###-####. If your safety is at risk or in the case of an emergency, call 9-1-1.
19. The Garden is open to Members from dawn to dusk.
20. Be sure the gates and shed are locked, if you are the last one to leave the Garden.
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III. Numbered Site Allocation

1. One numbered site per Member, as available.
2. The Member whose signature appears on this Gardening Rules and Regulations Agreement is ultimately responsible for compliance with these rules and regulations for the assigned site.
3. Sites are allocated on a twelve-month basis from November 1 to October 31.
4. Members must complete and sign this PFCG Gardening Rules and Regulations Agreement for each gardening year.
5. Members in good standing have the option to renew their PFCG membership each year and PFCG Gardening Rules and Regulations Agreement v 1.0 and retain permission to garden in their existing site or choose another, unassigned, site. In the event that multiple PFCG members want the same unassigned site, a lottery system will be used to determine the assignment.
6. The PFCG will maintain a waiting list of Members and Prospective Members for numbered sites. The list will be ordered by date of application, with PFCG members having priority by date of membership. Members and Prospective Members will be contacted by list order as sites become available (first come, first served). If the Member or Prospective Member does not respond and select a site within four (4) days of being contacted, the next person on the list will be contacted.
7. Members who relinquish their membership and permission to garden in a numbered site may not directly transfer any privileges of membership to anyone else, including family and friends.

IV. Common Areas and Community Beds

1. The use of the Community Beds and Common Area shall be determined by the Board.

V. Enforcement, Remediation, Abandonment

1. Failure to abide by these Gardening Rules and Regulations Agreement may result in revoking a Member's permission to use the Garden. Prior to such a revocation, the

Member may request a remediation plan of up to 45 days, as determined by the Board. The PFCG or Peardale farm, LLC will not be liable for the value of any unharvested crops or plants, structures, personal property, or equipment that a Member may lose in the event of such a revocation or abandonment.

By signing below, Member agrees and accepts these terms of the PFCG Gardening Rules and Regulations Agreement.

Signature

Date

Peardale Farm Community Garden, Inc.
Gardening Rules and Regulations Agreement
Invasive Plant and Weed Appendix

Prohibited Invasive Plants and Weeds

Below are two documents from UC Davis that list invasive plants which are not permitted in the Garden:

<http://www.redbud-cnps.org/pdf/invasives-you-shouldnever%20plant.pdf>

http://ipm.ucanr.edu/PMG/weeds_all.html

Exceptions

There are some plants on these lists that are under review and may be accepted in the garden with board approval. These plants are enumerated below:

1. Common Fig
2. Foxglove
3. Groundcherry, Tomatillo
4. Culinary Mustards
5. Sunflower
6. Yarrow, other than common white

The list may be amended by the Board.