



Rules and Gardener's Responsibilities

Each gardener must understand and agree to the following rules and responsibilities before gardening with the Sorenson Unity Gardens:

- Plots are available based on a lottery system but preference will be given to gardeners that reside in the 84104 and 84116 area.
- All plot applications are due by March 16, 2012
- Gardeners are initially limited to one plot (approximately 4' x 20'). If gardeners wish to have additional plot they may request to be placed on the waiting list. If any plots are still available as of April 13, 2012, extra plots will be distributed by means of a second lottery to those on the waiting list.
- Gardeners are responsible for assisting with the maintenance of common garden areas and thus are required to commit 9 hours of service (roughly 3 hours in the spring, 3 hours in the summer and 3 hours in the fall).
- Gardeners must attend the Unity Gardens Orientation on Saturday April 14, 2012 and the Community Celebration on Saturday May 26, 2012 (fulfills the spring service hours requirement).
- Gardeners will be charged a \$10 deposit fee which will be given back at the end of the season.
- Chemical weed killers, fertilizers and pesticides are not allowed in the gardens. A list of what is allowed and what is not allowed will be distributed at orientation.
- Gardeners are responsible for planting, cultivating and maintaining their own garden plots.
- Gardeners must use their plot by the end of May or risk forfeiture of plot. If special circumstances exist, please let us know and arrangements can be made accordingly.
- Gardeners are responsible for keeping the weeds in their gardens and adjoining pathways below six inches in height and twelve inches in length.
- Gardeners are responsible for clearing all plant and trellis materials out of their garden by November 17, 2012. Dead material should be placed in compost piles.
- Gardeners are responsible for taking care and replacing damaged drip tape. At the end of the season gardeners are responsible for covering the drip tape with mulch.
- Any language or behavior that detracts from the safe community environment is absolutely prohibited and can result in the immediate loss of all gardening privileges.
- Gardeners caught picking produce from garden plots other than their own will lose their plot and access to the Unity Gardens will be terminated.

Sorenson Unity Center's Responsibilities

- Sorenson Unity Center is responsible for administering the Unity Gardens Program.
- Sorenson Unity Center is responsible for registering gardeners and assigning available plots to each gardener.
- Sorenson Unity Center may provide limited tools, technical assistance and skills training.
- Sorenson Unity Center is responsible for maintenance of water and drip irrigation systems and overall administration of the site.
- Sorenson Unity Center reserves the right to make changes or exceptions to policies where and when appropriate.
- Sorenson Unity Center reserves the right to take away gardening privileges if gardener fails to follow the rules and responsibilities listed above.



Information & Policies

Welcome to the 2012 gardening season! The mission of the Unity Gardens is to collectively grow diverse food and friendships. The Unity Gardens promote and popularize environmental literacy, community stewardship and healthy, fresh food options by embracing intergenerational learning and culturally diverse gardening. Unity Gardens' policies and procedures are important for all community gardeners to understand. If you have any questions about this information, please call (801) 535-6533.

Reserving your plot

Each gardener is entitled to one plot (approximately '4 x 20') depending on space availability. Plots are available based on a lottery system with preference given to gardeners that reside in the 84104 and 84116 area. All plot applications are due by March 16, 2012. If there is plot availability as of April 13, 2012, gardeners will have the opportunity to acquire additional plots. All gardeners will be charged a \$10 deposit fee which will be returned at the end of the season. If a gardener has not planted by the end of May, the plot will be given to another gardener or organization, and the \$10 deposit fee will not be returned.

Cooperation and community

The Unity Gardens' success depends on all of our gardeners working together. We ask that in addition to the \$10 deposit, gardeners contribute 9 hours of service by participating in garden maintenance projects. Gardeners will carry out their service hours by committing roughly 3 hours in the spring, 3 hours in the summer, and 3 hours in the fall. Spring hours will be fulfilled by the Unity Gardens Orientation on April 14th, 2012 and the Community Celebration on May 26, 2012.

Respect other gardeners

The produce grown in each plot is the property of the gardener who is responsible for that plot. Do not plant or pick any produce that is not in your plot without the express permission from the owner. Gardeners who are found picking produce that does not belong to them will lose their plot and all access to the Unity Gardens will be terminated.

No rebar, herbicides, pesticides or chemical fertilizers allowed

Our goal is to create a safe garden community with a healthy plant environment. For safety reasons, rebar is not allowed for staking or trellising. Plant and soil health deteriorates with the use of chemicals and therefore are not allowed at the Unity Gardens. Gardeners using chemical weed killers, fertilizers and/or pesticides will lose their gardening privileges. A list of acceptable products will be distributed at orientation.

Weeds and trash

The Unity Gardens requires that all weeds are kept below six inches in height and twelve inches in length. It is the gardeners' responsibility to control the weeds and trash in their own plots and adjacent pathways, and to clear their plot of trellis materials and debris at the end of the season. Gardeners are also required to assist with weeding garden common areas.

Water use, drip irrigation and mulch

All plots are set up with an automatic drip irrigation system. The Sorenson Unity Center will maintain this system. Please do not alter the system in any way. Please report any problems or leaks to (801) 535-6533. The drip system is a water-efficient method of garden irrigation. Each gardener will learn how the drip irrigation system works at the gardener orientation meeting. Additionally, you can help make sure that water is not wasted and greatly reduce your garden's water needs by using mulch, which will also help keep weeds out! Each gardener will be responsible for covering their garden plot with mulch at the end of the season to protect the drip hoses and keep the plot from eroding.

Please remember

The purpose of the Unity Gardens is to provide access to land, water and general garden administration. The care and

maintenance of the gardens is the collective responsibility of the community gardeners.