

## Garden Guidelines

Gardener guidelines can take many shapes and forms. The following guidelines have been established by the members of this garden. Please read the guidelines and direct any questions or comments to the garden co-leaders.

1. LaSalle will provide, Fenced area to protect crops, compost for use in the garden area, wood chips for pathways, hoses, hose nozzles, water, a limited selection and number of shared tools, material for trellising, and instructional information.
2. All gardeners are required to complete an application form. A plot fee is due at time of registration. Fees vary by row length. Costs for 2022 are a 45' row is \$25, a 50' row is \$30, and a 72' row is \$35. Rows are 5' wide. You may grow your crop how you would like in your row, but you must keep your plants inside your row and leave an open path of at least 1' on both sides of your row allowing your neighbors access to their row. If you have contiguous rows, the 1' on each side only applies to where your contiguous area meets a neighbor's row. The objective is to create a path that both owners and neighbors can access the entire row length.
3. All gardeners are required to sign up for two work dates at time of registration. Work dates begin in March and continue through November and occur the second Saturday of the month. Work duty begins at 10 AM and continues until 2 PM. Gardeners are required to spend at least 2 hours during their work date. In case of inclement weather, the following Saturday will be used as a make-up date.
4. Garden meetings and work parties are scheduled throughout the season (see calendar on page 8). Please plan to attend to get to know your fellow gardeners and help with garden upkeep and special projects.
5. Keep your plot and the adjoining pathways tended. If your plot appears to be untended for a period of time, and you haven't contacted the garden leadership team, you will be contacted, and your plot may be assigned to another gardener. Call the garden leadership team if you need help or if you will be out of town for an extended period of time. If you plan to discontinue use of your space, please let anyone from the leadership team know as soon as possible, so that your plot can be assigned to another gardener.
6. Keep your plants clean by removing spoiled fruit from plants.
7. When you are weeding, our recommendation is to pull the weed and let it lie where you pulled it. The sun and lack of moisture will kill the weed and it will break down into compost for your row. If you pull large root balls in your weeding, please place those in the shred pile to be broken down and then composted.
8. LaSalle Community Garden is an organic garden. This is defined as plants and foods that are grown without synthetic fertilizers, herbicides, pesticides, or hormones. We have

beehives on site that are integral to the garden and to LaSalle's ecology and many pesticides don't distinguish friend from foe. Examples of non-chemical pest treatments allowed are; row covers, garlic, beneficial insects (lady bugs, praying mantids, trichogramma wasps, lacewings, tachinid and syrphid flies, hand-picking, and traps, to name a few. Examples of chemical pest treatments are; spraying with vegetable oil, garlic, natural pepper sprays, biodegradable insecticidal soaps, Dipel (bacillus thuringiensis), Sodium bicarbonate, Potassium bi carbonate, Sulfur, Neem oil, Pyrethrum, Rotenone, Sabadilla, Spinosad, to name a few. If you have a question about what is organic and what is not, please contact the garden Leadership Team. If you have a pest issue and organic means are not helping, please contact the garden Leadership Team.

9. Plant tall plants and vines in places where they will not interfere with your neighbor's plot and will not attach to our perimeter fence where the weight of the vine could damage it.
10. Planting illegal plants is prohibited.
11. At the end of the gardening season, all dead plants and non-plant materials (string, wire, wood, metal, plastic, etc.) must be removed and disposed of properly and all gardens left neat and tidy. If your garden is not cleaned- up by 11/30/2022, you could lose your gardening privileges for the next season or be reassigned to a new, smaller plot.
12. Pick up litter when you see it.
13. Each gardener is responsible for their seeds and/or plants in their row.
14. Do not apply anything to or pick anything from another person's plot without their explicit approval.
15. Please do not leave the water on unattended (overnight watering or unattended watering is not allowed). When finished gardening for the day, please roll up the hose, return tools to the shed and ensure the garden gate is securely closed.
16. Power tools can ONLY be used by authorized LaSalle employees.
17. Smoking and chewing tobacco is not allowed.
18. Pets, drugs, alcohol, radios, boom boxes and fires are not allowed.
19. Please supervise children in the garden.
20. For your safety, only garden during daylight hours.
21. Report theft, vandalism, and unusual activities to the garden leadership team.
22. Use common courtesy, be considerate of your gardening neighbors and enjoy.
23. Violation of Gardener Guidelines: If any of the guidelines are violated you will be contacted by phone or email and have one week to address the violation. After one week, if the violation has not been remedied, you may lose your gardening privileges.
24. Please respect your garden neighbors and those around you!
25. When things don't turn as planned and/or you need help, contact the Garden committee or solicit help from your neighboring gardeners.