

UNLV Campus Community Garden Guidelines

Overview

The UNLV Campus Community Garden provides students, faculty, and staff a place to grow their own food and learn about sustainability, nutrition, health, and wellness. The garden is a place for experiential learning and campus engagement.

- There are 41 available plot assignments in the Garden
- Plots are assigned for a calendar year
- Renewing groups meeting requirements may maintain the same plot year to year

Eligible Groups

Minimum group size for a garden plot assignment is four people.

The following groups are eligible to apply for a UNLV Community Garden plot:

- Registered student organizations (RSO)
 - UNLV Community Garden RSO - A maximum of four (4) plots are reserved annually for use by members of the UNLV Community Garden RSO. This enables individuals who are otherwise unable to organize the minimum of four people to secure a unique plot to still participate in the Community Garden.
- Departments and academic units - Must be affiliated with UNLV; priority is given to groups utilizing garden plots for academic research.
- Teaching and learning groups - UNLV classes using the garden for academic experiential learning and/or community engagement.

General Guidelines

- **ACCESS and OPERATING HOURS:** Official operating hours for the Garden are 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Garden users should check-in and out with Rebel Recycling staff. Evening and weekend access to the garden is available via card key access upon request.
 - Access to the Garden at any time is only permitted for garden-related activities. No camping or overnight stays are permitted.
- **ORGANIC:** Although the UNLV Campus Community Garden is not certified organic, the Garden is an organic zone and groups must follow the community pest control and fertilizing guidelines (see attachments). Weeds, pests, and diseases will be controlled organically. No pesticides, herbicides, or fungicides can be used in the Garden without consultation with the garden manager(s) and other members of the garden.
- **COMPOSTING:** Plots, paths, and surrounding areas must be kept clean and neat. Dead plants, leaves, and other green waste plant parts will be properly disposed of. Other

trash, including rocks and stones, paper, plastic, aluminum, cardboard, wood, metal, etc. will be placed in designated containers. The Rebel Recycling Program has a Drive Up and Drop Off Program for household recyclables. Contributions of household green waste must be discussed directly with the garden manager(s).

- **TOOLS:** There is a limited pool of gardening tools available. Groups may bring their own tools but these must be taken with them when they leave. The UNLV Community Garden will not store the group's tools and supplies.
- **PETS:** Animals are not permitted in the Garden at any time except certified service or law enforcement animals.
- **TOBACCO & ALCOHOL:** UNLV is a smoke-free and tobacco free campus. Members must abide by the [Smoke-free Tobacco-free Campus policy](#). Alcohol products and consumption is only permitted during pre-approved functions and must comply with the UNLV Alcohol Policy. Members may not come to the Garden under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs.
- **EXTRA YIELD:** Groups are encouraged to give extra food yield to the garden manager so that it can be donated to the UNLV Food Pantry.
- **VISITORS:** Guests and visitors, including children, must follow all the rules, terms and conditions stated here. It is the responsibility of the member to supervise children at all times. Garden members are solely responsible for the behavior of their guests.
- **PLOT ASSIGNMENT AND MAINTENANCE:** Garden Plots must be used by the group of gardeners to whom they are assigned. Plots may not be registered to someone "in name only" while friends and relatives use the plot and do most or all of the work. Once a plot has been assigned, groups must cultivate and plant the bed within four weeks. The plots cannot be left fallow or unused for any period of four weeks or longer during the gardening season. If plots become unkempt or are left barren, the garden manager will provide notice and instructions for correcting any issues to the contact information supplied on the plot registration form. Non-compliance with such notifications will result in the loss of use of the bed for the duration of the year and possibly for future years. Expansion beyond the group's plot, into other group plots or paths, is prohibited. Plants must be kept within the limits of the garden plot.
- **PLANTS:** No illegal plants may be planted. Trees and bushes may not be planted. A planting schedule is provided and adjusted to Southern Nevada's climate. It is beneficial to follow it, though not required.
- **RESPECT FOR OTHER PLOTS:** At no time should any garden member take food or plants from other plots. Additionally, any observations of inappropriate use or neglect

should be documented and submitted to the garden manager... do not take immediate direct action.

- WATER: Plots are watered on a timed schedule. If a garden member feels their plants are not getting enough water, they need to discuss the issue with the garden manager.
- COMMUNITY BUILDING: In order to cultivate a sense of community and further collective knowledge, the Garden requires at least one member from each plot to participate in community building programs. Such programs will include mandatory orientation or training sessions, garden clean-up days, and may grow to include presentations or hosted events presented by plot holding organizations.

Failure to abide by the above guidelines will result in loss of privileges in the garden.