

UNLV Campus Community Garden Overview

Purpose of the UNLV Campus Community Garden:

To enhance community at the University by providing students, faculty, and staff a place to grow their own food, and learn about sustainability, nutrition, health, and wellness. The garden will be used as a place for experiential learning and campus engagement.

Management of the UNLV Campus Community Garden

Eligible Groups

Minimum group size for a garden plot assignment is four persons. There are 41 available plot assignments in the Garden. No more than four total plots each year will be reserved for use by UNLV Rebel Recycling and UNLV Service Learning and Leadership offices. Plots will be assigned for a calendar year. Renewing groups meeting requirements may be able to maintain a consistent plot assignment year to year.

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

- A. Registered student organizations (RSO) - Any student group that has met the guidelines set forth for registration by the Student Involvement and Activities office.
 - a. UNLV Community Garden RSO - A maximum of 4 plots will be 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.
- B. Departments & academic units - Must be affiliated with UNLV; priority is given to groups utilizing garden plots for academic research.
- C. Teaching & Learning groups - UNLV class uses for academic experiential learning and/or community engagement.

General Policies

- A. **ACCESS and OPERATING HOURS:** Official operating hours for the Garden is 8:30 am-4:30 pm 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. A maximum of 4 people per plot may request card key access.
 - a. Access to the Garden at any time is only permitted for garden-related activities. No camping or overnight stays are permitted.
- B. **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 and other members of the garden.
- C. **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 by

following the Community Composting Guidelines (see attachment). 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 Managers.

- D. **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 group's tools and supplies.
- E. **PETS:** Animals are not permitted in the Garden at any time except certified service or law enforcement animals.
- F. **TOBACCO & ALCOHOL:** Smoking tobacco and carrying lit tobacco products is prohibited in the Garden. 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.
- G. **EXTRA YIELD:** Groups are encouraged to give extra food yield to the Garden Manager so that it can be donated to the UNLV Cares Food Pantry.
- H. **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.
- I. **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 does 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.
- J. **PLANTS:** No illegal plants will 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.
- K. **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.
- L. **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.
- M. **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 policies will result in loss of privileges in the garden.