

**POTRERO del SOL COMMUNITY GARDEN
MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT**

The Potrero del Sol Community Garden (PdS) is under the jurisdiction of the SF Recreation & Parks Department (RPD) and its Community Garden Policy informs our operations.

Rules regarding PdS plots and membership:

- Members are limited to one plot.
- Voting on garden related matters is one vote per plot no matter how many people sign the garden contract.
- Plots are distributed only through the RPD wait list. You cannot transfer your plot to someone else, for any reason. Existing members are able to move to vacated plots before they are offered to new gardeners.
- Gardeners who do not meet their responsibilities described below will be asked by the Garden Coordinator to fully participate. If they do not, their plot will be reassigned and their membership will end. Members temporarily unable to meet their responsibilities may request an exception by contacting the coordinator
- Members must garden a minimum of two days a month during the growing season April - November.

Rights and responsibilities regarding PdS membership:

1. Cultivate and care for your plot year-round. Plots must be planted for spring and summer growing seasons by *April 11* and cleared and mulched or re-planted for winter by *November 30*.
2. Practice organic garden only: no synthetic chemical pesticides or fertilizers like Round-up or Miracle-Gro. To maintain the health of our pollinators, be sure to ALWAYS follow instructions when using organic pesticides such as neem oil.
3. Participate in one of the annual spring membership meetings held the weekend before the spring equinox.
4. Contribute to special projects and maintenance of common garden spaces by participating in *two* (2) of the monthly work days held on the first (or second) weekend of each month (alternating between Saturday and Sunday) from April - November.
5. No garbage removal, pack it in, pack it out. This includes garden related trash such as fertilizer bags and pots.
6. Keep pathways around plot clear year-round. Do not build up soil in the paths and keep them clear of storage boxes, additional planters, pots, etc.
7. Harvest only what you grow in your own plot. No taking plants or produce from other member's plots!
8. Be mindful of water usage. Water in morning and evening; conserve water with mulching and/or soaker hoses.
9. Lock gates after entering and exiting the garden. Never leave gates unlocked.
10. Return tools to shed and lock shed before leaving the garden.
11. Leash and tether any dog accompanying you into the garden *at all times*. Your dog is not an exception.
12. Pay annual dues of \$35. per plot at spring meeting.
13. New members must sign the city waiver, release and hold harmless agreements along with the PdS contract.
14. Provide garden coordinator with reliable contact information (email, mailing address and phone number).
15. Add only small to medium sized green waste (chop as necessary) to compost. If it's too big or woody to cut with the clippers, it does not go in the compost and should get bagged. No stones or plastic in the compost.
16. Do not plant or cultivate shade-creating and/or invasive plants. These include trees, large shrubs, bamboo, fennel, and ivy. Monitor plant height(s) to avoid shading neighboring plots. Carefully monitor berry canes so they do not become invasive.
17. Per city policy, any and all trellises must not exceed a height of six (6) feet from the ground and must not generate shade on adjacent plots.
18. Per park's supervising gardener, no irrigation systems should be attached to hose bibs on a continuous flow basis.
19. **ALL** plants and personal possessions must be kept inside your plot. Not in garden paths.

I have read and agree to this membership agreement.

Name:

Email:

Address/City/Zip:

Phone:

Other person(s) who will be sharing your plot:

Signature and date: