

Anthill Village Community Garden

Membership Agreement -- February 20, 2019 through February 19, 2020

Please read carefully. *You are responsible for abiding by these rules and AVCG Guidelines on our website.*

1. Gardeners hereby hold the University of California, Irvine and AVCG Club and its officers harmless for any and all liability which may be incurred as a result of the gardener's use of the premises. New members must read this Member Agreement, fill out and sign the Member Information sheet along with the Liability Waiver as a condition of club membership, and submit the documents to either an officer or mail to P.O. Box 5654. See the club website for instructions and forms.
2. New members have 14 days from the date the plot is assigned to begin working the plot. After this period, they are subject to the regular inspections and crew responsibilities. (See #5 below.)
3. Gardeners may not trade plots or give their plot to others. If you decide to drop out of the club or cannot maintain your garden plot, please notify the officers by promptly sending email to avcg@uci.edu. When relinquishing a plot, it shall be cleared, cleaned and left neat and tidy, out of consideration of the next gardener.
4. All communication to garden members is by email. Club members are responsible for reading and acting on, as required, all notices sent to them by AVCG. You are expected to inform the club of any change to your email or street address.
5. Plots are regularly inspected for compliance with club rules. If a plot is in violation of the club's regulations and guidelines, the club officers will inform the member(s) by email, including the monthly notice that includes the plot inspection chart with yellow and red flags. Violations must be corrected within 14 days to the satisfaction of the officers. If not corrected within 14 days, a red flag is issued. Members receiving three such red flags in one membership year may be considered no longer in good standing and are subject to revocation and/or non-renewal of club membership. Club rules include but are not limited to the following:
 - a. The primary plot member is responsible for one small but critical area of garden maintenance or administration. Secondary plot members can assist at the discretion and direction of the primary plot member. Duties are described in detail on the club website, www.clubs.uci.edu/avcg. Performance of crew responsibilities are monitored similarly to plot inspections. The officers may call an occasional All Hands Work Day for special projects. Note: Members assigned to two plots are required to sign-up for two crew assignments.
 - b. Planting may occur only within designated plot boundaries. Plant growth and other materials should not extend into the aisle or into neighboring plots. All materials used for gardening must be kept completely within the plot boundary, both horizontal and vertical. Gardeners must keep the aisle adjacent to his or her assigned plot weed-free two feet out from the edge of the plot.
 - c. Garden plots must be actively worked and harvested throughout the year, i.e., continuously growing healthy plants and free of weeds, dead, diseased or insect-infested plants. Fruits and vegetables should be harvested in a timely manner as ripe items attract rodents.
 - d. Trees are permitted, but only in freely moveable pots, i.e., trees cannot be planted in the ground. The pot should be rotated ¼ monthly. Trees also cannot exceed six feet in height nor cast shade/shadows on neighboring garden plots.
 - e. Gardeners need to read and comply with the "Guidelines for Structures and Storage" before installing structures, including frames, enclosures, plot edging and raised beds. See the club website for this document:

<https://clubs.uci.edu/avcg/guidelines/>. Perimeter fences around plots are prohibited. No structure may obstruct vision through the plot, either vertically or horizontally, and may not exceed six feet in height.

6. Garden plots must at all times be maintained in a safe condition with the University having the right to rectify the situation immediately. If the University is required to remedy an unsafe situation more than once, the gardener will be required to relinquish his or her plot and their membership in the club.
7. Shared tools are available for use by all club members and should be returned in a clean condition to the garden rack next to the shed. Please help keep tools clean and tidy to minimize rust and wear.
8. Actions such as theft of tools, equipment, produce, flowers, vandalism or destruction of property will result in revocation of membership. Gardeners should report problems promptly: theft, problems with animals including rabbits, ants or other pests. Send email to avcg@uci.edu with your plot number: The eyes of all gardeners can help to deal with these problems.
9. Be water wise. Over-watering that causes excessive run-off is prohibited. Always turn off the water at the spigot and release water from the hose if a spray nozzle is used. When leaving the garden, make sure the water is turned off and the hose coiled on the rack. Use of automatic timers for watering is prohibited.
10. Organic gardening is encouraged. Use of fertilizers, insecticides, weed killers, etc., must be used in a manner that will not be detrimental to adjacent gardens or grounds. Follow directions for use and amounts recommended by the manufacturers. The herbicide Roundup, rodenticides and pest bait are prohibited. Invasive plants such as mint and grasses should be planted in containers. Bougainvillea and ivy have been identified by Vector Control as providing habitat for rats. These plants are not allowed to be planted in the garden. Berries and brambles must be cut back regularly. Gardeners will be asked to remove intrusive, invasive or unsafe plants.
11. Waste disposal: Green waste, i.e., plant material, should be placed in the communal AVCG compost bin outside the garden next to the gravel parking lot. Large or heavy items such as bricks, rocks, lumber, diseased plants, etc., must be hauled away off campus for appropriate disposal. Paper and plastic waste may be placed in the Palo Verde Housing dumpsters across from our garden. Never throw anything into the field surrounding our garden, including spoiled fruits or vegetables. Individual compost bins should be properly maintained.
12. All related University policies and guidelines that apply to the community garden will be enforced at the Anthill Village Community Garden. Refer to <http://www.policies.uci.edu>.
13. For liability reasons, only members of the AVCG club are allowed to work in or water a garden plot. When a club member is temporarily unable to work the plot, such as illness or going on vacation, they can 1) ask another club member for help; or 2) add a new member to the club to work the plot.
14. For liability reasons, children are not allowed to play in the garden unsupervised. Parents are expected to keep children out of other gardeners' plots, the shed, wagons and wheelbarrows, and the garden compost pile.
15. Dogs and other domestic animals are not allowed in this garden. No alcohol, drugs or tobacco are allowed within the Anthill Village Community Garden site, nor may illegal substances be grown in garden plots. Growing marijuana is prohibited.
16. Parking is allowed only in the designated AVCG parking area and the assigned placard must be displayed on the dashboard. The Palo Verde parking lot is for tenants of PV Housing only.