

Community Garden Guidelines



Welcome to the City of West Torrens community gardens.

Our gardens at Plympton Community Centre and Clifford Street, Torrensville are inclusive spaces for community members to enjoy gardening and connect with others.

This document provides the guidelines that all gardeners must follow when they take on a garden plot.



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1. You must be a resident of West Torrens to be eligible for a plot. Only one plot per resident is allowed.
2. Plots need to be tended regularly. If you are unable to tend your plot temporarily please contact Council staff and alternative arrangements may be made. If your plot is left untended for 4 weeks it will be forfeited and reallocated.
3. Plants must stay within plot boundaries and must not extend into pathway areas. If plants are encroaching on other gardens or pathway space they may be trimmed or removed without notice by Council staff.
4. All plots must be kept tidy and free of weeds and rubbish.
5. Paths must be kept weed free. It is your responsibility to keep the pathways around your plot weed free.
6. Trellis and stakes are available in the shed for all gardeners. Other materials must not be used to stake or support plants.
7. Tools are provided in the shed for all gardeners, please clean and replace these in the shed after use. Use tools safely and ensure that you take care of the safety of those around you. Contact Council staff for instruction and assistance if you are unsure how to safely use any of these tools. Tools are used at the gardener's own risk.
8. Permanent structures are not allowed to be built in garden plots or in other areas of the garden. Semi-permanent shade structures must be first discussed with Council staff and risk assessed before being constructed.
9. Resources or tools are not allowed to be stored underneath or around your plot. All materials and tools are to be stored in the shed.
10. Please dispose of all green waste in the compost bins or the green organics bins.
11. Chemical insecticides, fungicides and herbicides are prohibited. Natural methods of pest control such as companion planting, good plant and soil health and biological controls are encouraged.
12. Chemical fertilisers are prohibited. Natural fertilisers such as compost or aged manure are encouraged.
13. Ensure you are sun smart when gardening. Sunscreen is available for all gardeners in the sheds. Upon joining the garden, all gardeners will receive a broad brimmed hat.
14. If you notice something is broken, damaged or hazardous it is your responsibility to report it to Council staff.
15. Please contact Council staff if you wish to return your plot, if you are unable to tend to your plot temporarily or if your contact details change.