



Our garden ways

Shared guidelines and understanding for enjoying the City of West Torrens community gardens



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Garden locations:

- Clifford Street Community Garden, 76 Clifford Street, Torrensvile.
- Plympton Community Garden, 34 Long Street, Plympton.
- Netley Community Garden, Beare Avenue, Netley.
- Kurralta Park Community Garden, Grassmere Reserve, Kurralta Park.
- Falcon Avenue Community Garden, Falcon Avenue Reserve, Mile End.

Welcome!

We're excited to have you as part of our community garden family! These guidelines are here to help everyone share, grow, and enjoy these special spaces together.

1. Getting started

- All registrations are made via the City of West Torrens Bookable portal.
- When you register for a garden plot or site, you're agreeing to these simple ways of working together, and fostering a sense of community.
- Sometimes our guidelines might change a little—to keep things fresh and fair. If they do, we'll let you know.
- The council might need to decline or cancel a registration to this service, but this helps us make sure everyone's experience stays positive and welcoming.
- We love kids and ask that their parent or guardian register on their behalf.
- Plots and registrations are just for City of West Torrens residents, one per person.

2. Registering and caring for your plot

- Please register for the specific garden site where you'd like to dig in. Once your spot is confirmed, we'll show you around and run through equipment safety before you start.
- At Clifford Street and Plympton community gardens you'll have your very own plot. Please make sure to only use the one assigned to you.
- Helping out means keeping your plot and the whole garden, including pathways, tidy, weed-free, rubbish-free and responsibly watered.
- Be sure to visit and nurture your plot regularly. A happy garden needs regular attention!
- Please keep all plants inside your plot's borders. If anything grows into paths, other people's plots or bordering edges, council will tidy it up without notification.

- Access to garden sheds or toolboxes are restricted to registered gardeners or confirmed plot holders only, with equipment demonstrations required for safe tool use before access will be granted.
- Let's work as a team! Working bees are a great way to connect and plan improvements.
- Registrations are valid for 365 days. Be sure to make note of when your registration expires as you will be responsible for re-registering.

3. Community spirit

- Respect and kindness go a long way! We're here to help each other and our neighbourhood grow together.
- Please help us keep things fun and friendly for all.

4. If there's a problem

- If something comes up, have a chat first. It's amazing what a good conversation can solve!
- If things can't be sorted out, please contact council's Team Leader, Community Facilities at info@wtcc.sa.gov.au.
- Sometimes mediation is needed, and we ask everyone to join in with open hearts.
- Ongoing disruptive behaviour can mean you will lose access to this service and therefore lose your registration or plot allocation.

5. Safety and wellbeing

- Sun safety is a must - grab some sunscreen from the shed and don that sun hat! A long sleeve shirt is a great idea too.
- If you see anything broken or unsafe, please let us know using the garden connect QR code or call us on 8416 6333, especially for anything urgent.
- Children are welcome, but please make sure they're supervised at all times.

6. Valuables

- Council can't take responsibility for personal belongings, produce, or tools in the garden - please take care of your things.

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7. Things to remember (prohibited items)

- Let's keep it natural - no chemical sprays or fertilisers. Compost, mulch, and companion planting are encouraged.
- Fresh manure isn't safe here. Please use aged manure or compost instead. Fresh manure will be removed from the site.
- Sorry, no dogs are allowed in community gardens.
- Drugs, alcohol, smoking, vaping, and e-cigarettes aren't permitted anywhere in the garden areas, keeping our gardens healthy for all.
- General household or personal items will be removed from the community gardens and held in lost property for 3 months.

8. Garden storage

- Please don't leave personal items under or around plots.
- Basic gardening tools and supplies are provided by council and need to go back in the shed at the end of each visit.
- Council may occasionally need to review access to the shed, but we'll always do what's best for the community.

9. Cleaning up

- All garden waste goes in the green organics or compost bins provided.
- If you start a roster for bins, we're happy to support your efforts.

10. Structures in the garden

- Structures must remain entirely within your allocated plot and must not block or overhang paths, neighbouring plots, taps, irrigation or shared areas. They must be stable, safely anchored and free from sharp edges, protruding wire, exposed nails or damaged materials.
- Small, temporary and removable plant supports may be installed without approval if they meet council's requirements. Council-issued trellises and stakes are pre-approved and must not be extended or modified. Larger, fixed, homemade, shaded or unusual structures require council approval before installation.
- Gardeners are responsible for keeping their structures in safe condition and removing them when they are damaged, no longer used or when the plot is vacated. Damage or safety concerns involving council-issued structures must be reported promptly. Council may require any unsafe, unauthorised or obstructive structure to be repaired, relocated or removed.

11. Using tools and equipment

- Everyone is welcome to use the tools provided. Note that availability may vary.
- Always clean and return tools when you're done.
- Be careful with equipment; safety comes first! If you're unsure, just ask - we're here to help.
- Using tools is at your own risk.

12. Your privacy

- Council takes your privacy seriously. Sometimes, due to legislation, council may have to make some information, like your name or address, publicly available. If you have privacy questions, please phone 8416 6333.

13. Clifford Street and Plympton community gardens

- If you need a break from the garden, just let council know using the online garden connect form.
- If plots are left untended for three weeks, council will issue a reminder. If you don't respond within another three weeks, your plot will be given to someone else.
- If you have finished community gardening access your Bookable account online to cancel your plot (booking) and return your key to 165 Sir Donald Bradman Drive, Hilton.

14. Netley, Kurralta Park and Falcon Avenue community gardens

- Everyone shares responsibility for keeping the whole garden green and thriving.
- All the produce is communal - everyone pitches in and shares the later harvest.
- Council may occasionally check on the garden to help maintain standards.
- If you have finished community gardening access your Bookable account online to cancel your registration (booking) and return your key to 165 Sir Donald Bradman Drive, Hilton.

Please note:

All City of West Torrens community gardens are located on land subject to the City of West Torrens By-law No. 2 – Local Government Land. This by-law sets out rules for the use, management and protection of council land, including our community gardens. By participating in these gardens, all users are required to comply with By-law No. 2 at all times. For more information, please refer to By-law No. 2 – Local Government Land.

