

City of Palm Springs Michele Mician Community Garden



Gardening Do's and Don'ts

Respect of Municipal Property

- Do:** Respect your neighbor's garden and the rights of the community residents as well as appreciate the fact that this land has been made available by the City of Palm Springs.
- Do:** Follow all rules and guidelines and keep your area maintained.
- Do:** Dump garden waste in the appropriate garbage bins at your garden site. Our parks, greenbelts and natural areas are not a place for garden weeds, as weeds can be invasive, destroying our natural vegetation.

What to Grow?

- Do:** Plant vegetables, herbs, flowers and small fruit plants for home consumption.
- Do:** Donate your produce if you will not use it.
- Don't:** Use your garden plot to make soil. Community garden plots are to be used for produce or plants only.
- Don't:** Plant trees or other plants that shade adjacent plots.

Litter

- Do:** Pick up litter from the pathways and common areas. This will contribute to the health and cleanliness of the entire garden.
- Don't:** Throw rocks or other heavy items into the garbage cans. They make it difficult to empty out the garbage can.
- Don't:** Throw weeds and rocks over the fence.

Children

- Do:** Teach your children the many benefits of gardening.
- Do:** Work to keep our gardens child friendly, make every effort to see that children respect the neighboring garden plots, walkways, and other gardeners.

Pets

- Do:** Keep your pets at home. Pets are prohibited at the community garden. In the parking area, dogs are to remain on-leash. Animal waste and urine from pets are often detrimental to gardens and produce.

Tools and Power Equipment

- Do:** Bring your own seeds, gardening tools, hoses, etc. for your plots. Please no power equipment.

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Sale of Grown Goods

Don't: Sell your produce grown through this program. Produce cannot be for commercial use and may not be sold.

Vandals and Other Garden Pests

Do: Be aware that this does happen. There is very little we can do about the occasional free pickers.

Vacations or Plot Abandonment

Do: Call if you have to leave town on vacation and may not be attending your plot for a short time. Or, if you must leave town for an extended period of time and need to abandon your garden, please let us know as soon as possible to close out your paperwork.

Notification of Violations

Do: Following all the above guidelines should keep you free from receiving violation notifications. Ignorance of these guidelines will not be an excuse to receiving a violation. This will also ensure that everyone will have a successful and enjoyable gardening season. Failure to maintain your garden plot in an attractive manner, and

About the Community Garden

The Michele Mician Community Garden is located behind the Demuth Community Center (3601 E. Mesquite Ave). It is dedicated to the City's first Sustainability Manager, Michele Mician, who was responsible for bringing the garden to life.

The Community Garden is a piece of land set aside by the City of Palm Springs and maintained by members of the community. It provides interested members of the public with access to garden plots that they can use to grow fresh produce and plants. The experience connects gardeners with the food they eat and facilitates neighborhood improvement, a sense of community, and connection to the environment.

Gardeners have a lot of flexibility in what they can plant. Gardeners are encouraged to plant edible fruits, vegetables, and herbs as well as cutting flowers. Gardeners are prohibited from planting large trees or plants that may shade other plots and from planting invasive species such as nutgrass.

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