



## Exhibit B

### Santa Monica Community Gardens Good Neighbor Policy FY2024-2025

The dictionary defines COMMUNITY as a social group sharing common characteristics or interests and perceived or perceiving itself as distinct in some respects from the larger society within which it exists. We encourage each of you to get to know your Community Garden neighbors and communicate in a positive manner together to resolve mutual concerns. The Community Gardens are becoming more visible to the larger community of the City of Santa Monica. In these days of growing concerns about food safety and the diminishing open space, one of the goals of the Community Gardens Advisory Committee (CGAC) is to promote the need for more Community Gardens and Urban Agricultural Opportunities within the City. We shall be aware of our impact on the surrounding neighborhood and strive to maintain gardens that our local community supports.

The CGAC has recommended the following guidelines to be good neighbors with fellow Permitted Gardeners and the local community.

- Perimeter gardens along the exterior fences must be weeded outside the fence that borders the sidewalk.
- Look at your garden from all sides, particularly if you were to view it from the sidewalk or parking lot. Does it look attractive? Please store tools and materials away from the fence.
- Prevent the development of potential rabbit and rodent habitat by avoiding the creation of plant material piles and stacks of wood.
- Harvest vegetables when ripe. Food that is mature and/or rotting in the garden will attract all types of critters. You may harvest and deliver excess to the Westside Food Bank or deliver to Ishihara Park Learning Garden.
- Hoses are to be kept off the plants at all times. Water spigots are now on both sides of the path, usually one for every two gardens. Shut off hose at handle, as well as at the splitter shutoff, or the pressure could force a leak. Report leaks to the Community Garden Program promptly.

- Weed along the boundaries of your garden, being aware that the wind will blow weed seeds into your neighbor's plot.
- Smoking and alcohol are prohibited.
- Pets must be on leashes at all times. Keep your pet within the boundaries of your own garden.
- Green waste must be disposed into the designated container. Please keep lids closed to avoid contamination with trash and recycling.
- Please be water wise. Deep watering, once a week, will save you time and water. Your plants will grow deeper roots, the better to withstand the scorching heat of the summer. Mulching around your plants with alfalfa or wood chips will save water, keep the ground moist, soil cool and eventually decompose, thus enriching your soil.
- Remove plants you no longer want in your garden. We encourage you to share unwanted plants and seeds with your neighbors.
- Recycle empty pots or other materials removed from your plot in the appropriate receptacle. Please do not leave items in the community area simply because you no longer need/want them.
- Send all notices for posting on bulletin boards to the Office of Sustainability and the Environment at: [gardens@santamonica.gov](mailto:gardens@santamonica.gov)

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