

## Ohana Kuleana Community Garden Bylaws

### Membership

1. Plot registration for returning members begins February 15th and ends March 15th. Registration for new members begins March 15th. Gardeners can begin preparing their plots for cultivation once they complete the registration process, including payment of plot fees.
2. **Submit dues by the required date specified in the registration email.** If dues have not been paid at this date the plot may be reassigned.
3. Each gardening group<sup>1</sup> will be responsible for maintaining a weed-free plot and must in addition volunteer **a minimum of 4 hours per month** towards the overall operations of the OK Garden. These volunteer hours can be fulfilled through participating in the regular monthly 2-hour workdays and contributing an additional 2 hours monthly on activities such as maintenance, committee or berm work, or special projects deemed beneficial to the OK Garden as a whole.
4. Compliance with the following regulations will help everyone have an enjoyable and prosperous garden. Failure to comply may result in loss of gardening privileges immediately and in the future.
5. Gardeners are encouraged to be involved in Ohana Kuleana community garden meetings and events throughout the season.

<sup>1</sup> A gardening group consists of a head gardener and any co-gardeners.

### General Use

1. The garden area is **open dawn until dusk**, seven days a week. 8pm to 9am are quiet hours.
2. Please **be respectful** of fellow gardeners and neighbors. Keep noise levels to a minimum.
3. The garden is a **safe space** for the community, children, and other gardeners. Do not bring anything that will compromise the safety of the garden.
4. Check the bulletin board for information concerning the garden - problems, workshops, notices. Feel free to post information you have and leave messages for other gardeners on the inside whiteboard. Contact [okcommunitygarden@gmail.com](mailto:okcommunitygarden@gmail.com) before posting notices on the north-side bulletin board.
5. The garden welcomes families. Please make sure **children** are supervised. Teach them respect for others' plots and to conserve water.
6. Unleashed dogs are not allowed in the fenced-in garden area. Dogs on leash are allowed, provided they stay in the common areas, do not disrupt other gardeners or stray into garden plots, and their handlers pick up and properly dispose of their waste.
7. **Park only in designated garden parking area**, not in surrounding streets. For events you may be directed to other parking areas.
8. Please use **garden tools** in a safe and respectful manner. Please clean and return them to the appropriate hook or container when finished.
9. **Pick ONLY your crops**, even if you believe the plot to be abandoned, unless given permission by the plot user.
10. **Keep the gates and trailer locked** at all times. Do not give the combination to anyone

not associated with the garden.

11. The Garden Leaders on the Growth Committee have the duty of enforcing rules and making decisions for the garden. They have the authority to resolve conflicts, refuse a plot to a gardener, and dismiss a current gardener. Please contact the Growth Committee with any issues at [okcommunitygarden@gmail.com](mailto:okcommunitygarden@gmail.com).

### Plot Care

1. Gardeners must have their plot planted by June 15 or it may be forfeited and reassigned.
2. Generally plan to **visit your plot at least once a week**.
3. Notify [okcommunitygarden@gmail.com](mailto:okcommunitygarden@gmail.com) if you are no longer able to tend your plot, will be absent for a long period of time and/or have asked a fellow gardener to tend your garden.
4. If your plot is overgrown with weeds you will be given a warning. After 10 days your plot may be reassigned.
5. You will not be refunded membership fees if your plot is reassigned for any reason.
6. Keep tall plants such as sunflowers in the center of your plot **so as not to shade your neighbors' plants**.
7. Help your **visitors** understand and follow the rules of the garden.
8. Dispose of weeds and plant material in designated compost areas. Different care might be needed for weeds with seeds; see information posted in the garden or contact [okcommunitygarden@gmail.com](mailto:okcommunitygarden@gmail.com) for questions.
9. Water restrictions and conservation measures must be followed. A **gardener MUST remain on the premises while watering**. Excess water cannot be allowed to drain into the street or adjacent property. Timers and other drip systems can be addressed with the OK Maintenance Committee. The water **MUST** be turned off at the main "garden" valve if you leave the garden and no one else is watering.
10. Keep plot boundaries, including adjacent pathways, weeded and trash free. Dispose of disease-free garden waste in the proper compost bin. Diseased plants, seedheads from weeds, other garbage must be removed from OKCG property.
11. If you have a surplus of produce contact [okcommunitygarden@gmail.com](mailto:okcommunitygarden@gmail.com) about donating.
12. **Each gardener is responsible for clearing and putting to bed her/his plot before the close of the season** (usually October 31). All dead plants, weeds, trash, tools, sticks, and cages are to be removed. Failure to do so will result in a \$20 fine applied to your next season's rental.