

Milagro Allegro Community Garden Operating Principles

Milagro Allegro recognizes that it is important and beneficial to everyone to be aware of and abide by some core principles when at the Garden. We strive to be a center of peace and beauty in the Highland Park community. Violence of any form is not tolerated. As a member of the Garden, you are contributing to a microenvironment where symbiotic relationships will be vividly apparent. Your care for the Garden will benefit you and your plot while benefiting others.

I. Practice environmentally-friendly farming

- a. Organic gardening is encouraged. Please no chemical pesticides or fertilizers.
- b. Please conserve water. If you notice a leak somewhere in our irrigation system, please inform a member of the garden staff immediately.

II. Treat fellow gardeners with respect and courtesy

- a. Remember that we are a fairly small garden with plots near to each other, and we are situated in close proximity to homes. Please be respectful of our neighbors. Please no radios. Please keep cell phone conversations to a minimum.
- b. No smoking, consuming alcohol or drugs at the Garden.

III. Take care of shared equipment

- a. Please return tools to their proper location when finished with them. Garden hoses should be recoiled near their spigots.
- b. If you notice that a tool is missing, damaged or broken, please inform a member of the garden staff immediately. Gardeners may be held responsible for damaged or broken items or equipment.

IV. Safety at the Garden depends on everyone

- a. Lock the garden gate behind you when you enter and exit during non-community hours. Please do not share the main lock combination with others.
- b. Please supervise small children when they are helping with your plot. Please report any accidents or vandalism to Garden staff.

V. Miscellaneous

- a. Gardeners are responsible for maintaining their garden plot as well as the area around their garden plot. Gardeners are required to participate in periodic garden work days and attend garden meetings.
- b. Gardeners do not have an automatic right to host community events at the garden. A separate application is required.
- c. Please weigh your produce after harvesting and log this information in our yield notebook. These data are interesting statistics that will be useful when calculating how much our Garden produces each year.

Milagro Allegro Gardener Application

The Milagro Allegro Community Garden has approximately 30 plots available for community members each year, with plot assignment made using a lottery system. One application per household. Plots are leased for a one year term at \$60 per year to be paid in full upfront upon assignment of plot. The individual plots are generously-sized and crops grown can more than sustain a small family; we encourage interested applicants to consider sharing a plot.

In addition to being a space for urban farming, the Milagro Allegro Community Garden will hold classes, workshops and other events at our site. We also plan to open the garden to the community during specific hours each week. Gardeners should be aware that the space will be shared by many people and for multiple purposes.

Milagro Allegro is in its first years of operation and thus reserves the right to modify lease terms and garden rules as needs arise, and as we continue to grow and learn from our gardeners and our community.

Gardeners may access the garden 7 days a week from sunrise to sunset, and should cultivate year round. Exceptions to this and to other rules and terms will be addressed on a case-by-case basis.

Primary Applicant Name

Residence Address (required)

Mailing Address (if different than home address)

Phone Number (required)

Email Address

List names of other co-gardeners who will be gardening at your plot

I have read and understand the garden rules and the terms of the plot lease agreement and promise to follow them. I understand that the Garden board and affiliated organizations cannot be held responsible for my actions. I will not hold the Garden board and affiliated organizations responsible for any liability, damage, loss or claim that occurs in connection with the Garden. I understand that violating garden rules or lease terms may be grounds for forfeiture of my plot without a refund of my plot fee.

Signature of applicant

Date

Please mail completed application to: **Milagro Allegro Community Garden, PO Box 42083, Los Angeles, CA 90042**

Questions: info@hpgarden.org or (323)256-7122