

Community Gardens of the Avenue of the Flowers  
Las Flores Community Orchard at Waverly Park Rules

**General**

Physical Address:

1300 E. Avenida De Las Flores  
Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

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Thousand Oaks, CA 93359

**Purpose:**

In 2016, the Conejo Recreation and Park District authorized the addition of a community orchard at the garden. The orchard is located to the west of the community garden and currently has 33 trees planted, with Goji Berries around the perimeter. Garden members can "Adopt A Tree." There is no cost to adopt a tree but adopters must become knowledgeable about all aspects of their adopted tree including harvest times, fertilization needs, pest and disease control and pruning methods. Educational opportunities on tree varieties, grafting and pruning will be offered to members of the garden and the community.

**Hours of Operation:**

- The Orchard is open during scheduled hours only.
- The hours of operation will be posted at the kiosk and updated monthly.

**Orchard Roster**

- Garden Members are encouraged to extend their membership to the Orchard.
- Contact the Plot Manager or Orchard Manager to add your name to the Orchard Roster.

**Harvest Distribution**

- Distribution of the harvest will be based on the yield and number of participating Orchard Members.
- A percentage of the harvest will be distributed to Garden Members and the Thousand Oaks Community.

**Orchard Maintenance:**

Individual Trees

Orchard members are required maintain the health of their adopted tree by completing the following tasks:

- Weeding
- Fertilizing
- Composting
- Pest and disease control
- Soil care (PH level)
- Pruning

In order to ensure the entire orchard remains weed free, orchard members are required to keep the following area around their tree weed free:

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7 feet to the east and west (middle of aisle on both sides)

7 feet to the north and south (half way to the trees located north and south of your tree)

Monthly work credit is not available for keeping this area weed free. This work effort may consist of both mulching and removing weeds.

Weeding of areas around the perimeter of the orchard including the areas around the goji berries and 5 feet in all directions from the goji berries can be credited as a monthly work hour with prior approval by the Orchard Manager.

Organic fertilizer and pest and disease control products are available for use by orchard members. Please request assistance from the Orchard Manager.

Orchard membership status is subject to revocation if the member has had three (3) notices of non-compliance in one year. If a member does not properly maintain his or her tree(s) or other rules are not followed, the member will be warned by letter, phone call, or email and given two weeks to correct the situation before additional action will be taken.

### Group Assignments

Orchard group assignments are eligible for monthly work credit. Orchard group assignments are assignments as determined by the Orchard Manager. Group work assignments can be scheduled for the monthly work day or at other times during the month, as needed. Group assignments may include the following:

- Weeding common areas
- Mulching common areas
- Attendance at group work days to accomplish the following group tasks related to individual trees:
  - Pruning
  - Staking
  - Soil Care (PH level)
  - Pest and disease control
  - Fruit Thinning
  - Harvesting
  - Tractor and Tool Maintenance

### **Consideration and Behavior**

- No disruptive behavior will be tolerated including loud radios, vulgar language, raised voices, threats, or intimidation of other members and guests.
- No tobacco products or e-cigarettes are allowed.
- Alcoholic beverages are not permitted.
- Selling produce or products made from the harvests is prohibited.

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**Tools and Equipment**

- No one may use any power equipment without proper instruction.
- Clean tools before returning them to the shed.
- Notify the Plot Manager if tools need replacing.

**Safety**

- No pets are allowed in the Orchard, except certified service dogs.
- Members are responsible for the actions and activities of their guests and caretakers.
- Caretakers will be required to sign a liability waiver form.
- Children must be supervised at all times for their safety and to prevent damage to the Orchard.
- Do not leave personal items in the Orchard.