

## Community Gardens Update

On 2/27/18 I toured the community gardens with Jonathan Maidment, Recreation Attendant at the Demuth Community Center. Jonathan reports the gardens are quiet and he doesn't see a lot of people using them. There are no reported problems with vandalism or vagrancy. Some plots have caged fencing, to protect from animal intruders, like squirrels. Some are used and growing beautiful vegetables. Only a few were overgrown. At the time of the visit the yard waste receptacles were full, indicating a recent cleanup. Mr. Maidment isn't sure who picks up the waste receptacles inside the garden. Currently, it's overfilled. Very little would need to be done (probably a couple of hours max of clean-up time) to fully clean the grounds and overgrown plots.

From my count there are 31 plots

Maintained plots	8
Questionably maintained plots	9
Abandoned and need clean up	6
Empty (minimal to no clean up needed)	8







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## City of Palm Springs Demuth Park Community Garden Community Garden Rules

The Community Garden program is a unique opportunity for students and citizens to contribute to overall sustainability efforts through participating in local food production and community building. Participants develop a deeper understanding of sustainability education and outreach.

*Ensuring enjoyable gardening experiences for all gardeners is the primary goal of these rules and conditions. For this reason, please observe the rules of the garden, and be a good neighbor.*

1. When visiting please do not disturb the garden. Garden plots are rented to individual owners on an annual basis.
2. Garden plots are for the sole use of the Gardeners. Plots may not be transferred. If you are no longer able to tend your plot you must notify the City to allow for plot reassignment.
3. The City is not responsible for lost or stolen property.
4. The Garden is a non-profit facility and may not be used as a means to make money.
5. Plots must be maintained at all times with weeds under control and produce harvested.
6. Plants must be kept within the limits of each garden plot and no plants may be allowed to grow more than six feet high.
7. No debris of any kind shall be left at the site. Disposal of weeds, plant materials and trash shall be in designated areas only.
8. No trees or illegal plants may be planted.
9. No chemical fertilizers or insecticide products may be used, except those approved by the City.
10. Smoking, alcoholic beverages, or use of illegal drugs is prohibited in the garden. No animals except service animals will be permitted in the garden area.
11. Borrowed tools should be cleaned and returned to the storage area when done. Tools may not be taken home overnight.
12. Gardeners will work to keep the garden a happy, secure and enjoyable place where all participants can garden and socialize peacefully in a neighborly manner.

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