



GRANADA HILLS SALAD BOWL GARDEN CLUB
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
Revised December 2025

Membership Application & Annual Plot Dues for the Year 2026, Due by January 31, 2026

Full Name of Primary Member:

Street Address:

City/State/Zip:

Email:

Phone:

How many people are in your household? _____

Full Name of Secondary Member:

Street Address:

City/State/Zip:

Email:

Phone:

Emergency Contact Information:

Name:

Phone:

Relationship:

Do you understand that you will have to volunteer for 2 hours each month at the community garden in addition to the responsibility of maintaining your own plot(s)?

Do you understand that membership dues are to be paid annually by January 31st of each year for renewals and each year you must resubmit your application and payment by the due date stated? _____

Do you understand that the annual membership for the year is between January 01, 2026 to December 31, 2026? _____

Do you understand that the key and/or password is only for members listed above and is not to be shared? _____

Opt-in for text reminders of garden events, seasonal gardening tips, rule reminders, etc. _____

By signing this form, I understand that I am releasing the Granada Hills Salad Bowl Garden Club, the volunteer garden leadership team, and the owners of the land from any liability, damage, loss or claim that occurs in connection with the use of the garden by me or any of my guests.

I will sign and date the agreement before receiving any plots or doing any work in the garden.

Primary Member Signature

Date

Secondary Member Signature

Date

Before submitting your application, please make sure your schedule will allow you to spend the time required to fully enjoy the community garden. Many of our dropouts are a result of underestimating the amount of work involved in tending one plot. You should expect to be spending 10-20 hours a month in the garden to be productive. The garden is open and active all year and plots must be maintained throughout all seasons. Members who do not maintain and utilize their plots and comply with the bylaws and rules & regulations may have their membership terminated or non renewal for the following year.

Keep the copy of the Bylaws and Rules & Regulations attached.

Please return your completed forms & payment together to the President or Treasurer

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**GRANADA HILLS SALAD BOWL GARDEN CLUB
RULES & REGULATIONS
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Responsibilities of Members & Plot Maintenance

1. Plots must be maintained in a reasonably presentable condition. If it is obvious that a plot is not being kept up, it will be cause for termination. Notification will be given as stated in the bylaws. After two notifications, the plots must be relinquished to the Club.
2. All garden plots must be maintained throughout all seasons. Excessive weed and grass growth could spread to adjacent plots and is not permitted.
3. Gardeners are required to volunteer for 2 hours each month to maintain the communal areas of the garden.
4. Gardeners may access the garden from sunrise to sundown daily, year-round.
5. Tools, equipment and containers must be stored in an orderly manner so as not to distract from the community garden appearance as a whole.
6. Trash and litter must be disposed of in proper receptacles near the entrance to the garden. Do not put roots with dirt in green trash bins. The City will pick up the bins. Do your share by moving full bins to the street side Tuesday and bringing back in when empty on Wednesday.
7. There is to be no dumping at the front, paths or wheelbarrows. If the green bins are full, keep the waste in a pile inside your plot until a bin becomes available or take it home.
8. There is no recycling bin or black trash bin at the garden, pack it in, pack it out, take all trash home with you.
9. Do not take multiple green bins to your plot or area, the green bins are for all members. Bring the green bins to the front after each use.
10. Fruit and vegetables grown in the gardens are for the private use of the members, families and friends and **MUST NOT BE SOLD**.
11. Every gardener shall respect the property rights of the other members and shall not enter, walk through or cross other gardens except by direct invitation. Exception to this rule is if another gardener must enter to turn off water that was left on, is running onto a public aisle or is blowing into other plots.
12. Do not touch or take other gardener's vegetables, flowers or tools.
13. Call individual gardeners regarding surplus fruits and vegetables.
14. Dogs are not allowed unless verified with credentials for special needs. They **MUST** be confined to the gardener's plot.
15. We are an organic garden. Please do not apply any pesticides, insecticides, or herbicides in the garden.
16. Plants/trees shall not be permitted to exceed a 15-foot height.

17. Trees may not be planted. This includes banana trees and all fruit trees. Sugar cane, cactus, chayote, passion fruit and roses must be maintained and cut yearly.
18. Any fruit on existing trees is community property. No hoarding. Take reasonable amounts for you and your immediate family only. Do not give to visiting friends or relatives.
19. The existing fruit trees in the garden are public. The person who gardens the plots around the trees maintains the trees. The fruit is for the use of only the members and their immediate families. No member has prior right to the fruit. Fruit is to be picked in small quantities so as to share with all the members.
20. All members and guests who enter the garden area must agree to be responsible for their own safety and must not attempt any activity, which is beyond their physical stamina. They must agree not to hold officers or members liable in the event they suffer injuries while in the entire community garden.
21. Children must be under adult supervision at all times and not allowed to run freely.
22. Members operate the Club's equipment at their own risk. The Club is not responsible for injury or property damage resulting from the use of equipment.
23. Rototillers, mowers, chipper or wheelbarrows cannot be removed from the community garden for any reason except for repair. Report any mechanical issues or damages to a Board member.
24. Rototillers and the chipper are an amenity and usage can be restricted. To have the privilege to use them, you must clean off all weeds and soil and refill with gas AFTER EACH USE before placing them in the sheds. Failure to do so is grounds to deny you the right to use them.
25. Each gardener is responsible for maintaining pathways to the center of the aisles by keeping them weed free. All aisles/pathways must be kept open and clear of weeds, grass and plants.
26. Members must keep irrigation water on their own plot and not allow water to wet the public aisles.
27. Plot boundaries are clearly defined. Plants & trellis must remain within the boundaries of each plot not on the boundary itself.
28. Plots must have a 12 inch easement on all sides to allow for spreading plants. Planting on installed fencing is allowed IF inside plot boundaries far enough to allow for vine growth.
29. Permanent Structures are not allowed. They shall not exceed 10 feet in height. Temporary structure framing shall be constructed with only noncombustible materials and be designed for quick and easy disassembly. Wooden framing materials are not permitted.
30. The aisle with water outlets must be 2 feet wide and the aisle without water outlets must be 3 feet in width.
31. Aisles designated as public in the garden are the main east-west aisle in the center, all north-south aisles, and those east-west branch aisles to the fruit trees, bathroom & communal areas.
32. DWP fence easement on Rinaldi is 6 feet. It is a pathway for DWP and must be kept free of weeds. This space cannot be used for storage of personal garden materials or tools.

Nothing can be stored or planted on the DWP fence. Planting of annuals is allowed in the 6 ft section but NOT within 2 feet from the fence. The 2 foot pathway must be kept free of weeds/growth. Plots are measured from the 6 ft marker.

33. The front gate is to be locked at all times.
34. Keys and/or passwords are only for garden members and are not to be shared.
35. If gardeners are unable to tend the plot due to illness or traveling, they must notify the Garden Leadership Team in advance.
36. Non members are not allowed in the garden without the member being present.
37. Members are responsible for ensuring that their guests follow all Garden rules. Any violations by guests may result in consequences for the hosting member, up to and including warnings, suspension or termination of membership.
38. Members removed for serious misconduct are no longer permitted to access the Garden property. This restriction applies to all activities and events, and unauthorized entry may be addressed in accordance with applicable law.
39. The Garden Club is a no alcohol environment at all times.
40. The Garden Club is for gardening only. A gathering for the purpose of socializing with or without food and alcohol is not permitted at any time.
41. Please report any accidents or vandalism promptly to a member of the Garden Leadership Team.
42. Gardeners must not use abusive or profane language or harass or discriminate against others on any improper basis, including but not limited to: age, race, religion, national origin, gender, sex, sexual orientation, political affiliation or ability.

New Members

43. New incoming families may receive a maximum of one plot for the first year. Maximum number of plots per family membership is four (4). Current members that have more than four plots are grandfathered under the previous bylaws.
44. New members have a 3 month probation period to prove gardening skills and follow all Garden Club Rules. Failure to do so will cause plots to revert back to the Club.
45. Gardeners must plant their plot within 15 days of the plot being assigned to them and continue to actively garden during their 3 month probation period.

Water Conservation Rules

46. Adhere to current [LADWP Water Conservation & Ordinance](http://ladwp.com/wateringdays) at ladwp.com/wateringdays
47. Adhering to Monthly HCF Allocation, high water use can result in the water to be shut off for the remainder of the monthly billing period.
48. Water only during allowed times—before 9 AM or after 4 PM.
49. Required to Install self-closing shut-off nozzle to each hose.
50. Hand watering with a self-closing shut-off nozzle on the hose is permitted any day of the week before 9:00 a.m. or after 4:00 p.m.
51. Required to use watering cans, install ollas, install drip irrigation or soaker hoses.
52. In order to further conserve water there is no overwatering, no flood irrigation, no sprinklers and no flooding of gopher holes.

BYLAWS OF THE GRANADA HILLS SALAD BOWL GARDEN CLUB
Revised December 2014

Through the efforts of various officials of the City of Los Angeles, public land has been made available for the growing of plants on a neighborhood basis. The garden is located at 16025 Rinaldi Street, Granada Hills, on Department of Water and Power property.

To ensure the smooth operation of the Granada Hills Salad Bowl, to guarantee the will of the majority prevails, and to protect the individual rights of those participating, we do hereby adopt these bylaws.

- A. MEMBERSHIP: Membership in this organization may be on either an individual or family basis.
- B. VOTING Each member or family is entitled to one vote. The majority rules.
- C. FEES AND ASSESSMENTS For the purpose of defraying the expenses of this organization, members shall be required to pay fees and assessments.

Each member or family shall be required to pay fees and assessments upon obtaining membership, and annually thereafter.

Membership and plot fees are payable at the first meeting each year, but no later than January 31st. Annual dues are non-refundable and may not be prorated, unless acquired after October 1st. A Late charge will be assessed per plot if not paid by January 31st.

MEMBERSHIP FEES AND ASSESSMENTS CONSIST OF:

1. Insurance as required by the City of Los Angeles including Metro-Farm membership fees per family each year.
2. One time acquisition fee as set by the membership per plot. The fee applies to new gardeners and to existing gardeners acquiring additional plots.
3. Plot fees as set by the membership. Plot fees are to be used primarily to defray the expenses of providing water to the gardens. Plot fees are set for the basic measurements of approximately, 10' by 30' or 300 square feet of leased space. Plot fees are set (subject to change) on basic yearly water rates.

4. Rototiller fees as set by the membership. Rototiller use is optional. Rototiller fees are to be used for spare parts, repairs and replacement. Rototiller users must furnish their own gasoline and clean up the rototiller before returning it to the shed.
5. For anyone acquiring new or additional plots, after October 1st, plot and rototiller fees will be pro- rated at the rate of 1/12 of the total fee for each month remaining in the year.

D. TERMINATION

Any member may resign at any time. By so resigning membership, all Rights to and the contents of his leased area must be relinquished immediately.

Membership may be terminated for the following reasons, to be determined by a majority vote of the Board of Directors:

1. Failure of a member to pay annual dues within the times set forth by the membership.
2. Failure to maintain a reasonably presentable plot after written notification.
3. Consistent neglect in disposal of trash and litter in proper receptacles.
4. Disregard for and breaking of any rules of the Department of Water and Power and supplementary garden rules.

E. TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

Members may not transfer their membership or leased area (plot) to any other person except on the approval of the garden master or plot coordinator. With such approval, plots may be sublet for up to one year. After one year, the plots will automatically revert back to the Garden Club.

F. OFFICERS – TITLES OF ELECTED OFFICERS

1. President, vice-president, garden master, treasurer, secretary and three (3) members serve on the Board of Directors.
2. Board of Directors shall consist of all elected or appointed personnel, who shall govern the affairs, and supervise the smooth operation of the club.
3. Terms of office: Officers shall be elected for the term of two years, which shall expire at the first annual meeting of each year. Officers shall be elected by a majority vote of membership. Nominations and elections shall be held at the first meeting of each year. The election

will be held by secret ballot, showing of hands or acclamation. President and secretary elections are to be held on odd years and vice president and treasurer elections are held on even years.

4. Removal and vacancy: Any officers may be removed from office by a simple majority of the total membership after being given the opportunity to appear before the membership.
5. Fees and compensation of directors: Directors and members may receive reimbursement of expenses as determined to be just and reasonable by the Board of Directors.

G.DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS

1. All disbursements over \$200.00 shall be authorized by the Board of Directors.
2. Receipts must account for all disbursements.
3. A joint checking account shall be opened at a bank requiring the Signature of the President and or the Vice President and or treasurer and or Secretary.

H. RULES TO GOVERN BUSINESS MEETINGS

Business meetings will be held at least once a year and as needed thereafter.

I.NOTIFICATION

A member will be notified of action taken by the Board of Directors concerning his/her plot.

(1) By telephone and (2) by mail.

An appeal must be made in writing within ten (10) days of the mailing to the President or Secretary who is then required to notify the Board.

J.REGARDING MEETINGS

A quorum will consist of the members present but not less than 20% of total membership. Special business meetings of the membership may be called by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

53. No playing with water.
54. Water Hose & Timers must be inside plots, if crossing a path, hose must be buried with PVC pipe.
55. Replace or repair leaking hose or irrigation immediately.
56. Report spigot or pipe leaks immediately for repair.
57. In case of a water emergency, members should turn off the water and contact a Board Member. The water shut off can be found inside the garden, on the south end between Row K & L.

Billing & Fines

58. Annual Membership applications & Dues must be submitted before January 31st every year. Your annual membership may be forfeited if your application & dues are not received by the end of January 31st. Automatic \$25 Late payment fee per plot after January 31st, starting with February 1st.
59. \$20 Acquisition Fee Per Plot for New Gardeners and to Existing Gardeners acquiring additional plots.
60. Members who do not attend the Mandatory meetings will be assessed a \$25.00 fine due upon receipt, unless a Board member is contacted with a reasonable excuse 24 hours prior to the meeting. A person listed on the Membership Application can represent the member.
61. \$25 Fine due upon receipt for leaving water on overnight or unattended.
62. \$25 Late fee(s) for each unpaid invoice(s) after the due date.
63. \$30 Stop Payment Fee for each lost or stale check, deducted from the reissued payment.

Authority is hereby granted to the club officers to establish policies as necessary to cover conditions not adequately covered by the bylaws and to clarify the bylaws where necessary to meet conditions which may arise to allow club activities to proceed in an orderly and efficient manner. These policies are incorporated as an appendix to the bylaws and are to have the full authority and effect of the bylaws.

FAILURE TO OBSERVE THE RULES AND POLICIES OF THE CLUB CAN RESULT IN FORFEITURE OF PLOTS, DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS AND NON RENEWAL OF ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP.

The majority of officers must approve forfeiture of plots and disciplinary actions taken against any members.

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GRANADA HILLS SALAD BOWL GARDEN CLUB
MEMBER AGREEMENT TO BYLAWS AND RULES & REGULATIONS
Revised January 2026

I have read and understand the Bylaws and Rules & Regulations of the Granada Hills Salad Bowl Garden Club attached hereto and will comply with all rules and regulations. If not, my membership may be terminated.

I understand that members are required to volunteer for 2 hours each month as part of my membership.

By my signature below, I agree to follow and abide by those Bylaws and Rules & Regulations I will sign and date the agreement before receiving any plots or doing any work in the garden.

Full Name of Primary Member:

Plot Number (s)

Primary Member Signature

Date

Full Name of Secondary Member:

Secondary Member Signature

Date

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GRANADA HILLS SALAD BOWL GARDEN CLUB
HOLD HARMLESS AND ASSUMPTION OF THE RISK AGREEMENT FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE
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For and in consideration of participation in the Granada Hills Salad Bowl Garden Club and the right of entry and use of property located at 16025 Rinaldi Street, 16003 Rinaldi Street and 16001 Rinaldi Street owned by LADWP (Property Owner) for purposes of maintaining a garden, I hereby voluntarily release, discharge, waive and relinquish any and all actions or causes of action for any personal injury, property damage or wrongful death against Granada Hills Salad Bowl Garden Club, and/or the Property Owner, and/or any of its officers, agents, servants or employees, occurring to me as a result of my participation in the Granada Hills Salad Bowl Garden Club..

TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW, IT IS MY INTENTION BY SIGNING THIS INSTRUMENT, TO EXEMPT AND RELIEVE THE GRANADA HILLS SALAD BOWL GARDEN CLUB, AND THE PROPERTY OWNER, ITS OFFICERS, AGENTS, SERVANTS OR EMPLOYEES FROM LIABILITY FOR PERSONAL INJURY, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR WRONGFUL DEATH CAUSED BY NEGLIGENCE. I am fully aware of the risks and hazards inherent in my participation in the Granada Hills Salad Bowl Garden Club. I acknowledge that I have been informed that there may not be an attendant on duty during the hours that I will be gardening. I further understand that participants of the Granada Hills Salad Bowl Garden Club can occasionally suffer serious injury and death. Nevertheless, I hereby elect voluntarily to participate in community gardening and assume all risk of loss, damage, or injury that may be sustained by me during my participation in the Granada Hills Salad Bowl Garden Club or any activities incidental thereto. I agree to comply with all safety requirements or instruction provided to me by the Granada Hills Salad Bowl Garden Club, and its officers and agents.

I agree that in the event any claim for personal injury, property damage, or wrongful death shall be prosecuted against the Granada Hills Salad Bowl Garden Club, and/or the Property Owner, or any of its officers, agents, servants or employees, I shall defend, indemnify and save harmless the Granada Hills Salad Bowl Garden Club, and/or the Property Owner, and/or any of its officers, agents or employees from any and all such claims or causes of action by whomever or wherever made or presented.

I understand that this Hold Harmless and Assumption of the Risk Agreement shall apply not only to me but also to my heirs, executors, administrators, next of kin, assigns and successors.

I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ THIS DOCUMENT AND AM COMPLETELY AWARE OF THE POTENTIAL DANGERS INCIDENTAL TO PARTICIPATION IN THE GRANADA HILLS SALAD BOWL GARDEN CLUB AND I AM FULLY AWARE OF THE LEGAL CONSEQUENCES OF SIGNING THIS

INSTRUMENT.

_____ DATE	_____ PRINT NAME	_____ SIGNATURE
_____ DATE	_____ PRINT NAME	_____ SIGNATURE

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