



SUMMER FARMERS MARKET

Enjoy a fresh farmers market featuring seasonal produce, herbs and flowers courtesy of the Garden Centers Club on Saturday, July 27, from 9 a.m. to noon in the parking lot of Garden Center 1 at 23742 Moulton Parkway. Admission is free. Visitors are encouraged

to donate canned goods or exchange canned goods for produce. Cash is accepted. All proceeds will be donated to the Orange County Food Bank. Gardeners: To participate or donate produce, sign up at Garden Center 2 or call [949-235-7825](tel:949-235-7825).

COMPLIANCE BENEFITS **EVERYONE**



Compliance is everyone's responsibility. All Garden Center plot holders must recognize and follow established rules and regulations and meet compliance standards to ensure our gardens remain a safe, attractive, enjoyable and relaxing place for all.

More Than Following the Rules

Compliance encompasses the community philosophies of cooperation, care, concern and consideration. The Garden Centers are special places to enjoy nature, the outdoors and the company of friends. It takes

everyone working as a team to succeed; pathways must be maintained, weeds must be pulled, tools must be returned to the storage sheds and water must be conserved. We sincerely appreciate the ongoing cooperation and commitment of every gardener to promote harmony and enjoyment in the gardens.

Remember the Basics

- Remove all weeds from each plot and adjacent paths on a regular basis.
- Remove all debris and trash from plots.
- Do not block pathways.
- Turn off water when not in use.
- Do not overwater.
- Do not plant trees or aggressive shrubs in garden plots.
- Keep fences in good repair.
- Provide evidence that active gardening is taking place every six months (minimum).

Other General Compliance Guidelines

- Garden Center hours are from sunrise to sunset daily. Pets are prohibited. The water supply at Garden Center 1 is on a timer from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. in summer and from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. in winter. Garden Center 2 water is on from sunup to sundown year-round.
- Permits are issued on a first-come, first-served basis to Laguna Woods Village Residents only. Residents who reject an offer from Staff to lease an available plot will be removed from the waiting list.
- Gardeners are obligated to plant fruits, vegetables and/or flowers 12 months a year. Seasonal gardeners are required to share their plots with other seasonal gardeners.
- Mulch outside of plots is prohibited. Gravel is permitted only for use on pathways outside the plots.
- All pesticides are prohibited.
- Store only those items essential to gardening; keep the area neat and tidy.
- Water is provided for every permit holder; however, the location must be accessible from outside the fence in the event of a leak.
- Plants larger than the plot size and selective invasive plants (berries, bougainvillea, etc.) are prohibited.
- Keep tree plots free of ground cover and weeds.

Failure to comply with Garden Center rules and regulations may result in disciplinary action and permit revocation. Staff will be available during normal Garden Center hours to explain compliance topics—and enforce all rules and regulations.

Plot holders are encouraged to pick up a copy of the Garden Center Operating Rules, available at no charge in the Garden Center 2 Staff office.



Garden Security

Keep a Watchful Eye

Unfortunately, occasional security concerns arise at the Garden Centers—including minor petty theft and vandalism. Every so often, plot locks are broken; plants and personal property are vandalized or stolen; and fruit and/or small trees, shrubs and vegetables may be removed without authorization from plot holders.

VMS Staff encourages every plot holder to remain vigilant and aware of suspicious activity. If you see someone who does not look like they belong in the garden, call Security at **949-580-1400** and advise Staff. Do not hesitate to call Security with personal concerns or if you see someone committing a crime or petty offense. Do not call the local law enforcement first—let Security do their job.

If you are a victim of a crime—no matter how small—report it to Security and fill out a report. For your own safety, do not become involved personally in any incident you may witness. Security usually can arrive at the Garden Center in a matter of minutes.