

THE GRF MINI FARM

Newsletter

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WELCOME

In 1988, a group of shareholders were granted permission by Golden Rain Foundation to establish community gardens at the 1.8-acre site adjacent to the freeway. The group of like-minded residents cleared the land, measured it off to create individual plots and installed pipes for watering. The new garden plots were assigned first come first serve to residents who wanted them. Founders ran a loose organization, collecting dues and setting rules. In January 1997, the mini farmers officially became a GRF club with a constitution and board of directors. There were 107 plots at the time and a perennial waitlist. In January 2006, the mini farm club applied to the GRF for permission to use an unused strip of land along the perimeter wall for 11 more gardens. The project was approved, bringing the total to 118 plots. In January 2021, Golden Rain Foundation will begin administration and management of the 1.8-acre lot. With the focus on enhancing the gardening experience for residents, GRF will provide educational programs, resources, and networking opportunities for its members to promote the love of gardening.

The GRF Mini Farms are a 1.8-acre community garden space dedicated to growing vegetables, herbs, and flowers in the company of friends and neighbors. Creating a sustainable urban-nature ecosystem that provides a habitat for wildlife and transforms an underutilized space into a beautiful and useful community area. The GRF Mini Farms is a vibrant and beautiful 1.8-acres of property at the Northern edge of the community divided into 198 garden plots. Since opening in 1988, our garden has grown to include more than 250 gardeners growing a variety of fruits, vegetables, flowers, and plants.



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Please call or email if you have questions or concerns. A staff member will get back to you within 48 hours.

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PEST CONTROL

Gophers

Are you seeing mounds of dirt and plant damage in your mini farm? These may be signs that you are dealing with a gopher problem. Here are some details to look for: When a gopher creates a mound, it will usually push the dirt out in a fan pattern. Gophers often plug their tunnel entry holes. These plugs can usually be seen sitting on top of a mound. Look closely and see if the mounds in your plot have plugs. The dirt of a gopher mound is going to be fine. Gophers break the soil up as they dig it up and push it out. Gophers tend to create several holes that are near each other. When a gopher attacks the bulb of a perennial, what you are likely to

see is the absence of a flower or plant in that spot. If you think you may have a gopher or to report other pest concerns please call the mini farm attendant directly at 562-485-6994 or minifarm@lwsb.com.



CULTIVATING COMMUNITY

Golden Rain Foundation believes that urban agriculture can be beneficial to the environment, and to the health and wellbeing of community members. The GRF administration and management of the Mini Farms which will become effective on January 1, 2021 will focus on:

- Enhancing the gardening experience for everyone
- Ensure you make the most of your garden plot investment, by providing educational programs, resources, and networking opportunities for its members to promote the love of gardening.
- Ensure fair and equitable use of Trust property

As a mini farmer you will automatically receive occasional newsletters, mailing, and other miscellaneous announcements. Please call leave a message with the Mini Farm Attendant directly at 562-485-6994 if you have any questions or concerns. We will get back to you within 48 hours.

Copies of the Recreation Policy #70-1447-1 Mini Farm Rules are available online at lwsb.com or you may request copies with the mini farm attendant at the phone number listed above.