

Gardens and gardening

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Purpose

To state Northey Street City Farm's gardening principles.

Policy

1. The gardens are a practical demonstration site for learning about sustainable living.
2. Gardens are created inline with the permaculture practices of zoning, guilds, companion planting and integrated pest management.
3. Gardens are shared, i.e., there are no privately managed garden 'allotments', however, some students and volunteers look after specific gardens and trees such as the herb spiral, backyard garden, kids' garden, etc.
4. All gardens are managed organically, only using organic pesticide and fertilisers.
5. Kitchen gardens are harvested for lunches.
6. Markets gardens are harvested to sell produce at the Sunday Markets.
7. The Genetic Diversity Garden is maintained by the Nursery for seed saving to maintain heirloom and unusual varieties of plants.
8. The cost of managing the gardens is classified as a core Farm expense.
9. Decisions regarding the gardens are made during regular Green Team meetings (refer to Decision-Making Policy). Day-to-day decision-making is made by the Green Team Coordinator in consultation with other teams.

