

# **Logistics and Reminders**

## **Water-wise Gardening**

Always remember to water three times a week or less, unless you have brand new seedlings that are just getting started. Use deep-watering techniques to encourage roots to grow down deep. Using reservoirs such as ollas or even milk jugs can also help keep things moist in the midst of those 100+ degree weeks. During the winter, please be aware that it is illegal to water 48 hours after a heavy rain. Use that rain water to your advantage!

Another GREAT technique is:

## **Mulching**

Please make use of the mulch around the garden, or try out a new kind! Hay, leaves, alfalfa, the sky is the limit. Mulching not only keeps moisture in the soil (meaning you have to water less), it also keeps weeds down. And, as it breaks down over time, it adds nutrients to the soil. We highly encourage using mulch on your plot.

## **Vacations**

If you are planning to go out of town, or be otherwise unable to come to the garden, please find someone to check in on your plot and water for you as necessary. If you have produce to harvest, please either make arrangements with the person helping you OR put a red stick in your plot. This tells other gardeners that they may harvest your produce while you are gone, either for themselves or the food bank. That way no produce will be wasted while you are away! Red sticks can be found in the shed.

## **Trash**

Please remember that ANY and ALL trash you bring in with you MUST be taken out with you. The trash cans in the garden are for weeds, not for trash. There is a dumpster in the church parking lot if you need to throw away trash before heading out, but under no circumstances leave it in the garden.

## **Communal Spaces**

We so appreciate any and all communal projects that you would like to undertake. If you are planting in communal spaces, please remember to label where you plant. It can be frustrating to spend a great deal of time planting, only to come to the garden a week later and find someone has planted over your seeds. If you want to add something to the garden, or help prepare an area for a project, please check with Elaine first. It's possible that someone else also has a plan for an area, and collaboration, or even simply communication, is ideal.

## **Compost**

Please remember to cut your compost down before putting it in the compost area. Compost pieces should be 4 inches or smaller. Also, DO NOT PUT WEEDS in the compost. Those can go in the weed garbage cans, or out at the weed pile in the field. When you add compost materials, please mix them in to the compost pile, and add water if it is dry. This helps break it down more quickly!