

The landscape and garden (gardenscape) committee oversees landscaping and gardening of Yulupa Cohousing's common grounds. The committee's guiding principles are to promote a landscape that emphasizes drought-tolerant California native plants, fruit-bearing trees, and other edible or attractive plants that provide habitat for birds, butterflies, bees, and other pollinators. We will prioritize care of our trees, due to their long-term value and ecological importance. We support and encourage members to grow vegetable gardens in designated garden boxes.

The landscape/garden committee counts on its members to participate in meetings and workdays and relies on the community to garden with us on workdays and on their own. The committee may enlist the help of professional gardeners and landscapers to maintain the property, tackle more difficult or dangerous jobs, including those requiring special expertise.

The Gardenscape Committee:

- Holds monthly meetings to plan community work-together days, discuss issues, solutions, and successes.
- Schedules and hosts once-a-month community workdays and coordinates participation in maintenance and improvement of the property, such as mulching, watering, weeding, pruning, sweeping, and planting.
- Purchases garden tools and machinery and maintains them.
- Purchases compost and mulch, prioritizing use in common areas.
- Maintains and improves common area irrigation systems, including replacement of pop-up sprinklers with drip irrigation for better water conservation.
- Oversees the delegation and rotation of garden boxes to members in a fair and equitable manner with the goal of providing enough plots to meet demand.
- Oversees hiring and direction of certified landscapers and arborists to help maintain our landscape including pruning the larger trees.
- Advises the YCH Reserve Study on long-term garden and landscape expenses and needs.
- Develops an annual budget for gardening and landscaping.