



Information and suggestions/regulations (Anregelungen)

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"Commons" (*Allmende*) refers to usable land of a village, a collectively managed public space, a "gift to all".

- Feel invited to enjoy the garden and use its seating. While doing so, please respect the garden and the gardeners.
- The garden is a place of rest and recreation, where the following applies: The one who sows and plants, maintains and reaps!
- The village square is open to everyone. However, registered events have priority (see wall at the back of the village square).
- Respect the park rules (e.g. leash restriction for dogs) and do not leave any litter.
- The garden is self-organizing and self-financing. Donations are welcome!
- Would you like to get to know the garden better? Take advantage of our workshops, festivities and guided tours.
- Would you like to garden with us? Get involved in the garden community. Read on below to learn more...

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You can find this document, further information and upcoming events at www.allmende-kontor.de, on our Telegram channel t.me/allmendekontor and on Facebook: Community Garden Allmende Kontor.

Co-gardening

Community gardening is about sharing knowledge and ideas, trying out new things, mutual learning and feeling co-responsible for the commons. The community garden Allmende-Kontor e.V. organized as a basic democratic community project lives from the active participation of its members. An honest and open communication and constructive criticism are as essential as the interest for new ideas.

The Community

All gardeners participate in the garden beyond the care of their own beds by donating time for community tasks.

The color groups

The Allmende garden consists of approximately 250 beds and is divided into 9 bed neighborhoods, also called "color groups": Blue, Light Green, Red, Magenta, Dark Green, Yellow, Pink, Orange, Turquoise. Gardening issues are resolved within the color groups. Each neighborhood elects contact persons annually.

The color groups coordinate the neighborhood's community tasks:

- **Water Weeks:** Throughout the garden year each color group is responsible to refill the water tanks and barrels daily (~3 times a year).
- **Gardeners-Get-Togethers: roughly** from April through September (<https://www.allmende-kontor.de/termine>), weekly gardeners*get-togethers are held every Thursday evening at 7pm. The color group that has water service that week organizes the meeting. These meetings serve mainly as an opportunity for gardeners to meet each other, or to organize workshops, lectures, etc.
- **Compost Days:** Four days during the gardening year a compost is set up. The dates will be communicated on the website and info walls. Each color group should participate in these activities with a few gardeners.
- The garden season is planned in spring in a common **preparation meeting**, AGs for different areas of activity such as compost, events, cultural activities, etc. are formed. Here, too, as many gardeners as possible should get involved.

The beds

In the sense of the commons, the beds belong to the community. They are assigned only temporarily and are to be used and cared for ecologically (without artificial

fertilizers, pesticides, hybrid seeds) and in a way that conserves resources (wood, soil, water).

In addition to beds tended by individuals or groups, there are also community beds that the whole community takes care of (corncrib, bee garden, growing bed, show bed, etc.).

Currently, no additional beds can be built. A bed that has not been cultivated for a longer period of time and whose responsible gardener does not re-register or report to neighbors or otherwise, can be passed on or used for other purposes, according to the decision of the community.

This is how beds are distributed:

1. if you want to take part in the gardening, you have to become a member of the registered association (or participate in a shared bed together with a member of the association).
2. after the deadline for re-registration it will be decided which beds can be assigned.
3. those interested should come to the next info meeting for new gardeners on the village square in the garden. See info wall or website for dates. Attendance at this info session does not guarantee a bed. Afterwards there will be a garden meeting.
4. association statutes, garden rules and registration form will be given at the info meeting as well as basic information about community tasks in the garden: water, compost, community beds, participation in the garden meeting, etc.
5. the attending neighborhood representatives decide in agreement with the plenum at the garden meeting about the new members. Priority will be given to garden communities and social & cultural projects.
6. if there are more interested parties than free beds, alternative possibilities of gardening such as bed communities, partnerships or maintenance of community beds will have priority. Ultimately, a decision will be made by lot.
7. the new gardener fills out his*her registration documents on site or online within two weeks. The bed fee is staggered in 30,- / 45,- / 60,- €. The new gardener or new bed group will introduce themselves at the next garden meeting. All fellow gardeners who participate in a bed community register for the respective season via the bed management tool on www.allmende-kontor.org. This is important so that you can receive all the latest information via the email address you have entered there.
8. at least one person from each bed must be a member of the association. The annual membership fee is 12,- €.

Communication & Organization

Orga Meetings

The Orga Meeting is the platform of our self-organization, the place to introduce ideas, to form opinions and to make decisions, but also to laugh, to eat and to play music together. Exact dates and times can be found on the homepage and on notices in the garden. At least one representative from each neighborhood should attend the Orga Meeting. In order to give everyone a chance to speak: 1-2 minutes speaking time and speaking privileges for first-time speakers. Decisions will be made by consensus if possible, otherwise by majority vote.

Garden email address

Our project receives a lot of interest and many inquiries reach us via our garden email address garten@allmende-kontor.de. This address is therefore mainly used for external communication. In order to relieve the responsible persons it is important to clarify garden-related questions within the color groups if possible.

Newsletter and other organizing emails

In a monthly newsletter you will find all information about the garden. If you register as a gardener for a bed, you will receive these mails automatically. You can also subscribe to the newsletter manually via this link: <https://www.allmende-kontor.de/newsletter>.

Important: Emails left unopened could be considered as spam by your email provider, and that in turn could lead to blocking of our garden email addresses... so we kindly ask you to open and read these emails not only for the good content.

Telegram Channel

Additionally, there is our public Telegram channel. This is where anyone interested in the garden can keep up on dates, events, and other things. Most of the information is also sent through the emails. <https://t.me/allmendekontor>

Garden list

For the internal organization among the members there is an email mailing list. Here all gardeners can share ideas, plans or meetings. Register here: <https://mailman.allmende-kontor.de/mailman/listinfo/gartenliste-allmende-kontor.de>

Gardeners-Get-Together

During the warm season, the "Gardeners-Get-Together" takes place on Thursdays at 7 pm on the village square in the garden. Organized on a rotating basis by the

various color groups. Dates will be announced on the website: <https://www.allmende-kontor.de/termine/> or the Telegram Channel <https://t.me/allmendekontor>

Conflicts?!

Please speak up! If a solution is not possible in a one-on-one meeting, the disputing parties should seek out at least three gardeners who are not involved in the conflict in order to avoid solo efforts and overly personal conflicts. If the conflict cannot be solved in this way, the color group contact person should be consulted first. If there is still no solution in sight, the matter must be discussed at an Orga Meeting.

Practical info about gardening

Welcome to the community garden Allmende-Kontor! You have joined the association, registered and paid your gardening fee. All settled? - No! Now the real fun begins:

- We are not allowed to dig or garden into the ground, hence all beds are raised beds. (Since the area has not been completely cleared, there may still be contamination in the soil. More information can be found here: <https://www.allmende-kontor.de/der-garten/handlungsempfehlungen>)
- The structure of the raised beds should consist of about 50% coarse material (branches, plant stems, straw, leaves, etc.) at the bottom and soil only in the upper 20-30 cm. Mice protection grids to the soil and on the inner walls of the bed have proven successful.
- Beds should not be larger than 2 Euro pallets (2 m²). In the early days of the garden, larger beds have also been created. These can be shared when new beds are assigned.
- Benches & tables are available for visitors of the field.
- Do not take away anyone's open space or view: keep one wheelbarrow width minimum distance from neighboring beds.
- Do not build higher than 1.5 meters to avoid shading. Please avoid roofing and fences!
- Build injury-proof and avoid sources of danger such as nails and screws!
- Mark your bed with a clearly visible bed number and the neighborhood color.
- Knowledge store: We are using Nextcloud as an information platform for protocols and workshop documentation: <https://nextcloud.allmende-kontor.org>. A personal login can be requested, please use the same address that you used for your bed registration.

Additional

Garbage: There are three garbage cans in our community garden. When these are full, they have to be placed at the alley on the eastern side of the garden next to the larger containers in order to be emptied. Unused construction materials or remains from abandoned beds must be discarded by the gardeners themselves and, if necessary, stored at their own beds in a way that is safe from injury. Usually, a container for the disposal of old wood is ordered in April.

Gemeinschaftsgarten Allmende-Kontor e.V. at Tempelhofer Feld