

Information and regulations



Was ist eine Allmende?

What is a commons?

It's an ancient novelty, a jointly managed public space, a "gift to all".

Feel invited to enjoy the garden and use the seating. Please respect the garden and the gardeners. The garden is a place of peace and relaxation where the following applies: whoever sows and plants, tends and harvests! The village square is open to everyone. However, registered appointments have priority and will be announced in our calendar on the website or as a notice on the stage. Please observe the park rules (e.g. dogs must be kept on a lead) and do not leave any garbage lying around! The garden is self-organized and self-financed. Donations are always welcome! Would you like to get to know the garden and its structures better? Take advantage of our workshops, festivals, guided tours and activity days.

Would you like to join in the gardening? That means getting involved in the garden community. Find out more below.

www.allmende-kontor.de

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Join the Allmende-Kontor

Community gardening means exchanging knowledge and ideas, trying out new things, learning together and feeling jointly responsible for the commons. The community garden Allmende-Kontor e.V., as a grassroots democratic community project, thrives on the active participation of its members. Honest and open interaction and constructive criticism are just as much a matter of course as interest in new ideas.

The gardening season is planned in a joint preparatory meeting in spring. Working groups for different areas of activity such as compost, events, dance lime tree, etc. are formed. Here, too, as many gardeners as possible should get involved.

The community

All gardeners participate in the garden beyond the maintenance of their own beds by donating their time to community tasks. This includes, for example, collecting garbage and waste wood, water service or watering communal beds.

The color groups

The Allmende Garden consists of around 250 beds and is divided into 9 bed neighborhoods, also known as “color groups”: Blue, light green, red, magenta, dark green, yellow, pink, orange and turquoise. Gardening questions are clarified within the color groups. Each color group has a contact person, also known as the color group spokesperson.

The color groups coordinate the community tasks of the neighborhood:

Water weeks: Spread over the gardening year, each color group is responsible for filling the water tanks 3 times a week.

Gardeners-Get-Togethers: The weekly gardeners’ meetings take place every Thursday evening at 7 pm from April to September <https://www.allmende-kontor.de/termine>. The colour group that has water duty that week should organize the meeting. This means setting up benches and tables on our stage. These meetings primarily serve as an opportunity for gardeners to meet each other. You can bring food and drinks to share! Workshops, lectures, etc. can also be organized.



The beds

In the spirit of the commons, the beds belong to the community. They are only temporarily assigned and should 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 the beds that are tended by individuals or groups, there are also communal beds that are tended by the whole community (cereal curl, bee garden, cultivation bed, show bed, scented bed, etc.).

No additional beds can currently be built. A bed that has not been cultivated for a longer period of time and whose responsible gardener does not report back to the community or the neighbors, can be passed on or used for other purposes at the community's discretion.

This is how beds are allocated...

- Anyone wishing to join in the gardening must become a member of the association (or join a garden plot with a member of the association).
- After the feedback period has expired, a decision will be made as to which beds can be reallocated.
- Interested parties should come to the next possible information event for new gardeners on the village square in the garden. Dates can be found on our website or the Telegram channel. Participation in this information event does not mean that you are entitled to a plot.
- The association's statutes, garden rules and registration form are available at the information event, as well as basic information about the communal tasks in the garden: Water, compost, communal beds, participation in garden meetings, etc.
- If there are more interested parties than free beds, alternative ways of gardening options, such as bed communities, sponsorships or maintenance of communal beds. Priority is given to gardening communities and social and cultural projects. In last resort, the lot decides.
- New gardeners fill out their membership application on site or online within two weeks. At least one person from each bed must be a member of the association. The annual membership fee is €12.
- The bed contribution is staggered in 30,- / 45,- / 60,- €. All co-gardeners who participate in a bed community register for the respective season via the bed management tool at www.allmende-kontor.org for the respective season. This is important so that you receive all current information via the e-mail address you provide there.



Communication & Organization

Members' meeting

Our association has more than 150 members and without the association there would be no community garden. There would be no garden organization and no long-term security for the garden area on the ThF. At the general meeting, the board presents the annual report and cash report for the past year, as well as a financial outlook for the coming year

. The second important point is the (re-)election of the garden board. We would be delighted to welcome new members to our board!

You can also bring in your own topics. Please note that independent motions (proposed topics for the agenda) for the meeting must be received by the Board eight days in advance. All members of the association are entitled to vote.

The Board

The Executive Board consists of seven people who are newly elected or re-elected at the annual general meeting. There is the first and second chairperson. Then there is the treasurer. The task here is to manage the association's assets, prepare a cash report and budget planning, which are presented at the general meeting. Another position is that of the secretary and other members of the board.

The board deals with issues of membership administration, external communication, be it with GrünBerlin, members or other actors on Tempelhofer Feld. In addition, there are internal garden issues, such as ordering soil or the waste wood container, the annual ordering of plants, the care of our Tanzlinde, finding ideas for action days and whatever else comes up.

We always need new members of the board. Association work is fun and brings you even more into contact with everyone in the garden. You can help shape the garden and be jointly responsible for its continued existence.

Organizational meeting

The organization meeting is the platform for our self-organization, the place to contribute ideas, form opinions and make decisions. The meetings take place every second and fourth Tuesday of the month. In winter we meet in the neighborhood meeting place in Mahlower Straße, in summer we meet in the garden. Mostly the current members of the board come together for the organizational meetings, but the dates are open to all gardeners who have a concern or would like to get involved in any other way.

Decisions are made by consensus where possible, otherwise by majority vote.



Garden e-mail

There is a lot of interest in our project and we receive many inquiries via our garden e-mail address garten@allmende-kontor.de. This address is therefore primarily used for external communication. In order to relieve the responsible persons, it is important to clarify gardening questions within the color groups if possible.

Newsletter and other organization e-mails

A monthly newsletter contains all the information from the garden. If you register as a gardener for a bed, you will automatically receive these emails. You can also sign up for the newsletter manually via this link: <https://www.allmende-kontor.de/newsletter>

Important: Unopened emails could be considered spam by email providers, and this in turn could lead to our garden email addresses being blocked... so we would ask you to open and read these emails, and not just because of the good content.

Telegram channel

There is also our public Telegram channel. This is where anyone interested in gardening can keep up to date with dates, events and other information. Most of the information is also sent via email.

<https://t.me/allmendekontor>

Garden list

There is an e-mail mailing list for internal organization. Here all fellow gardeners can inform each other about ideas, plans or meetings. Register here: <https://mailman.allmende-kontor.de/mailman/listinfo/gartenliste-allmende-kontor.de>



Practical information on gardening

You are a member of the association, have registered and paid your gardening fee. Everything done? - Great, because now it's time to get started:

- We are not allowed to dig or garden in the ground, so all the beds are raised beds. As the site has not been fully surveyed, there may still be contamination in the ground. You can find more information on this 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 only soil in the top 20-30 cm. Mouse protection grids to the soil and on the inner walls of the bed have proven their worth.
- Beds should not be larger than 2 Euro pallets (2 m²). Larger beds were also created in the early days of the garden. These can be divided up when new beds are created.
- Bench and table areas are available to visitors to the field for shared use.
- Do not take away anyone's space or view: Keep a minimum distance of one wheelbarrow width from the neighboring bed.
- Do not build higher than 1.5 meters to avoid shading. Please avoid roofs 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.

Conflicts?

Please speak up! If a solution cannot be found in a one-to-one discussion, the parties to the dispute should seek out at least three gardeners who are not involved in the conflict to avoid going it alone and avoiding conflicts that are too personal. If the conflict cannot be resolved in this way, the color group contact person should be consulted first. If there is still no solution, the matter must be discussed at an organization meeting.

In the event of an acute and dangerous situation in the garden, please call and inform GrünBerlin's WeWatch security service.

The number is [0175 / 4903818](tel:01754903818) and can also be found pinned to our stage.



Further information

Garbage:

There are three garbage cans in our garden. When these are full, they have to be placed on the roadway on the eastern side of the garden next to the larger containers so that they can be emptied.

Wood:

Building materials that are no longer needed or the remains of old beds must be disposed of yourself and, if necessary, stowed away for a while on your own bed so that they are safe from injury. A container for the disposal of old wood is usually ordered in April.

Water:

On our website at <https://www.allmende-kontor.de/der-garten/wasserdienst/> you will find an overview of the locations of the water tanks and the water extraction point. Every year there is a water calendar on which you can see that each week a different color group is responsible for filling the tanks.

How does refilling work?

The tap is located at the turquoise color group at the edge of the barbecue area and is protected by a combination lock. Please ask other gardeners or the color group spokespersons for the code and never give it to people who are not also gardeners! As soon as the lock is opened and the tap is used, please change the code so that it cannot be read.

The yellow hose lying around in the garden is snapped into place and the water is turned on if the other end is hanging in one of the tanks. Always use water as sparingly as possible, as water is precious and expensive.

Compost days:

Compost is prepared on several days during the gardening year. The dates are communicated on the website and Telegram channel and on the information walls.