

**EL DORADO COUNTY FAIR
BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM
(ADOPT-A-SPOT)
RULES**

IRRIGATION

1. Gardens must be maintained year round. *They must be permanently planted and tended throughout the year.*
2. Please do not leave water on when you aren't here.
3. Irrigation and maintenance of your spot is your responsibility. If you are planning to be on vacation, we can do limited irrigation for a maximum of 2 weeks. We cannot irrigate your spot from spring through fair time due to the competition aspect.
4. The Fair will provide a faucet or sprinkler hook-up as close to your spot as possible. If we have automatic watering in your area we will try to adjust to your needs. We will not maintain your sprinklers.
5. Plan your spot in such a way that it will be easy for you to maintain.
6. If you are planning to have an automatic system, please check with the Maintenance Department first to see if power is possible and how far you may have to run lines.
7. Water is turned off in the fall, for the winter months and turned on in April for the summer months. Please check with the maintenance department each year for exact dates when planning your garden.

MAINTENANCE

1. **Request a container from Maintenance or the fair office at least 2 days in advance for weeds and other debris.** Please don't leave piles of trash or fill regular trashcans, as they become very heavy and difficult to empty.
2. Plan your spot in such a way that it will be easy for you to maintain throughout the year so the many visitors to the Fairgrounds can enjoy it.
3. Large Plants (2 gallons or larger) should be cleared by the Maintenance Department prior to planting to avoid any underground pipes or wires.
4. If an event is going on the fairgrounds, you are asked to respect their area and their gate prices.

AMERICAN JUDGING

1. Awards will be given in the following categories:
Best us of Fair theme, most appealing, outstanding garden & outstanding year round garden. For the outstanding year round garden award, gardens will be inspected quarterly. Judging will occur during the County Fair, in June.
2. To enter the Fair competition you must officially enter by completing an entry form available at the Fair Office and paying an entry fee by the entry deadline date.

SIGNS

1. No advertising is allowed in or around adopt-a-spot gardens.
2. No promotional signs are allowed in or around adopt-a-spot gardens.

Your spot may be reassigned if any part of the rules are not followed.