

Local Earth Village at Ecotopia Ranch

New Village Member Process (Step #1)

Here are a few of the village agreements we would like you to review and make sure you feel in alignment with before moving on to further steps of the New Village Member process. If you feel in alignment with these agreements we will send you the Village Questionnaire to complete as Step #2.

1. Clear understanding that this project is Phase 1 of the Local Earth Village model. Phase 1 is a 12 person Living Cluster. Please see this link to the website and review the information listed to make sure you feel in alignment with the vision, values and objectives. (local-earth.org/living-cluster-model)
2. Quiet Hours 9:30pm to 8:00 am.
3. No illegal substances are to be used or brought onto the land at Ecotopia Ranch.
4. No smoking of cigarettes on the property, in community spaces or living spaces.
5. Drinking alcohol on the property no more than 2 times per week and having no more than 2 drinks per occasion.
6. We are still clarifying our agreements with cannabis. The culture here is about health and clarity. We do not support unhealthy, addictive or abusive use of substances. This can be discussed more in depth if this is an issue or concern.
7. Keep the community spaces clean and in better shape than you found them.
8. Use only earth-friendly, biodegradable soaps and detergents.
9. No guns or firearms on the property.
10. Travel time can not be more than 10 weeks within a year, with a maximum of 6 weeks per travel period.
11. Be present on the land more than 50% of the days within the month.
12. Agree to be in photos and videos that may be published on Local Earth & Ecotopia Ranch media or website.
13. Agree to initial monthly land payment of \$370/month with the potential to lower this to \$220 with completion of all monthly village contribution hours. (Children ages 5-16 \$100/month)
14. Agree to pay a \$200 deposit.
15. Contribute at least 7 hours/week to community projects (total for the month must be equal to or greater than 1 hour per day for how many days there are in the month)
16. Build lightly on the land... in total this is a 2 year project (ending in July of 2020) and the structures must be moveable after the 2 year project ends (unless other arrangements are agreed upon by Eva and the village member).
17. Agree to communicate openly, honestly and practice techniques of nonviolent communication.
18. Agree to cultivating a village culture that supports each of us as individuals and as a collective to live the most holistically healthy and thriving lives possible.
19. Agree to using Sociocracy as a governance system and decision making process in the village.