

Gardening Calendar

May

week 1: 3-5 hours

Official start date at the Gardens is May 15. Weather permitting, it is sometimes earlier but ONLY AFTER the spring ploughing has taken place.

Go check out your plot.
Remove any weeds, add compost and work into soil. Plan and mark rows/beds and paths with wooden stakes or markers.

Purchase your seed packets. Plant cool weather crops: lettuce, spinach, peas, onions (mini bulbs/seeds).
Water garden for 20 minutes minimum, unless it rains, every other day, to encourage seed germination.

week 2: 3-4 hrs

Water garden, unless it rains, every other day, 20 minutes minimum.

Remove weeds as they come up, very important at this stage, small weeds are easier to pull up than large ones, if you can't tell what is a weed and what is a crop, ask your neighbour.

Trim the grass around the edge of your plot.
Consider growing a row of vegetables to donate to our Plant a Row, Grow a Row Program for the Food Bank.
Keep an eye out for bugs eating your crops.

week 3: 3-4 hrs

Put up a short trellis for your peas to climb, 3-4 feet tall.

Plant more onions, peas, spinach, lettuce to extend your harvest.

Water garden, unless it rains, every other day, 20 minutes minimum.

Remove weeds as they come up, this is very important at this stage.

Purchase your vegetable seedlings/plants at your garden centre.

Keep your seedlings/plants watered and in semi-shade until planting time

week 4: 3-4 hrs

If the forecast is warm consistent weather, plant your seedlings/plants this week. All seeds too.

Pepper plants, zucchini, melons are very susceptible to cold, so hold off planting these, for a week, unless it is warm.

Add a thick layer of mulch between the rows to keep weeds down but keep it away from plant stalks.

June

week 1: 2-3 hrs

Plant the rest of your seedlings/plants and seeds.
Water garden, unless it rains, every other day, 20 minutes minimum.

Keep on weeding, you will be happy for it later
Plant more onions, spinach, lettuce to extend your harvest.

Install stakes or tomato cages to seedlings/plants, where needed.

week 2: 2-3 hrs

Trim the grass around the edge of your plot Watch things grow and enjoy.

Keep an eye out for bugs eating your crops.

Water garden, unless it rains, every other day, 20 min.

Keep on weeding, weeds take nutrients from the soil which your crops need.

Our Directors at Large **will be** checking plots for weed infestations, so keep the weeds under control.

week 3: 3-4 hrs

Harvest your cool weather crops: lettuce, peas, spinach, onions etc.

Trim the grass around the edge of your plot.

Keep an eye out for bugs eating your crop.

Water garden, unless it rains, every other day, 20 minutes minimum.

Keep on weeding, weeds take nutrients from the soil, which your crops need.

week 4: 3-4 hrs

Harvest your cool weather crops: lettuce, peas, spinach, onions etc.

Trim the grass around the edge of your plot.

Water garden, unless it rains, every other day, 20 minutes minimum.

July

weeks 1,2,3,4: 2-3 hrs each

Pull out peas, plant a second crop such as carrots or beans.

Trim the grass around the edge of your plot.

Water garden, unless it rains, every other day, 20 min.

Don't risk losing our gardening privileges, keep weeds under control or they will take over. Our Directors at Large will be checking plots for weed infestations.

Harvest as needed. If you have extra, please deposit veggies in our Plant a Row, Grow a Row/Food Bank donation box in the shed
Check plant supports.

August

weeks 1,2,3,4: 2-3 hrs each

1st week of the month, plant cool weather crops: lettuce, spinach, onions (mini bulbs/seeds). If the fall weather cooperates, you will harvest a last crop.

Trim the grass around the edge of your plot.

Water garden, unless it rains, every other day, 20 min.

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Harvest as needed. If you have extra, please deposit veggies in our Plant a Row, Grow a Row/Food Bank donation box in the shed

September

weeks 1,2,3,4: 2-3 hrs each

Pull out plants that have stopped producing, place in compost bins.

Trim the grass around the edge of your plot.

Water garden, unless it rains, every other day, 20 min.

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Harvest as needed. If you have extra, please deposit veggies in our Plant a Row, Grow a Row/Food Bank donation box in the shed.

October

weeks 1,2,3,4: 2-3 hrs each

Trim the grass around the edge of your plot

Water garden, unless it rains, every other day, 20 min.

Remove all plant supports; make bundles and place in designated storage area.

Pull out plants that have stopped producing, place in compost bins.

Woody stalks from plants such as corn, Brussels sprouts, kale should be placed in garbage bins since they take too long to break down in the compost.

Harvest as needed. If you have extra, please deposit veggies in our Plant a Row, Grow a Row/Food Bank donation box in the shed.

All plots must be cleared of stakes and plants by October 30, to prepare for ploughing.