

Lovin Spadefuls

Congratulations! And thank you all for being a part of this community project. We are happy to see so many things growing. The garden plots are coming along nicely. We still have a few available so tell your friends, neighbors and co-workers.

The community garden is a great start to promoting a healthy lifestyle. We have seen individuals, couples and families come together with so much pride and enthusiasm! We commend you!

Late-Start Gardening: What Can I Still Put in the Ground?

No worries! Vegetable gardens produce for many months of the year, and there's no set-in-stone "deadline" you have to meet to sow seeds. Many plants need to be re-sown through the season anyway, and still others will produce well into the fall even if you don't get the seeds in the ground until early summer. In fact, some vegetable plants do even better and grow more quickly when you wait until the ground is warm and crawling with worms.

Here are just a few of the veggies you can still grow from seed, even if you don't get started until tomorrow, next week...or even next month!

Beans. Beans love warm, sunny days! Choose snap bush beans if your growing season is short – pole and dry beans take longer to mature. If you've already planted beans, consider putting in another crop in July.

Cucumbers. Cukes grow fast, especially in the warm summer months. You might be amazed at how quickly they explode!

Squash. Many squashes don't produce until fall anyway, making them a good choice for late spring or summer planting.

Carrots. Carrot seeds can be sown any time from spring through early autumn, as long as you get them in the ground by 10 – 12 weeks before the first fall frost.

Herbs like basil, marjoram, chives and sage do well when planted in the late spring and summer, and can even thrive indoors throughout the winter.



Garden Etiquette

Please respect your neighbors' garden space.

Watch The Kids: Keep a close eye on little ones and don't let them trample on neighboring plots (or take any of the bounty!)

Keep It Neat: You may not be growing food there, but the walkway around your plot is your responsibility. Keep it weeded and tidy. If there are community tools, hoses, etc, for you to use; treat them with care and respect.

Keep It In Check: Watch where you are dragging your hoses. It's not nice to go through some ones plot.

Drip System and Irrigation

The drip system is not familiar to everyone. If we plant according to the guide then there should be no problems. It is different. It also just may work. And it was ALL DONATED. Free sounds pretty good. 😊 Let's give it a try!

If the drip system water is on, please do not turn off or adjust it. If you need additional watering, please use the hoses provided for your own space only.

Please be careful when planting, using a shovel or spade. If the line ruptures, no need for tape or rocks. We can fix it! Just let us know. Couplers are inexpensive and an easy fix.

We have an automatic timer getting installed soon!

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