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# Garden Project NOTES

Fall 2018

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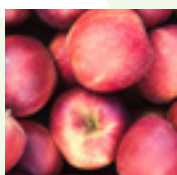
Partner to alleviate hunger, one meal at a time, to create a future where everyone has access to nourishing food.

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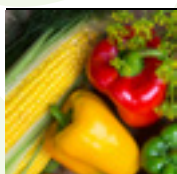
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## END OF SEASON GARDEN PLOT CLEAN UP FOR COMMUNITY GARDENERS

**DEADLINE: Sunday,  
OCTOBER 21st**

We hope you had a great season, with bountiful harvests! Now please follow these simple steps to prepare your garden plot for spring tilling.

### Remove:

- All Stakes
- Burlap & weed cloth
- Diseased plants
- Fencing
- Large sticks & trellis materials
- Litter & trash
- String
- Plastic planting containers
- Tomato cages



### Also be sure to:

- Bag and remove your trash and all other garden items.
- Harvest ripe crops. (You may continue to harvest after the clean-up deadline.)
- **Only gardeners who clear their plot at the end of the season will be able to garden with us next year!**

### WHAT ABOUT CORN & SUNFLOWERS?

**New this year, please leave all corn and sunflowers standing in the gardens that we till. We will bring a tractor to mow your plot in early November to cut the debris, leaving the organic matter to break down.**

For no-till gardens, with raised beds, chop up thick, woody stalks with a shovel or loppers.



# Grow-A-Row, because no one should go hungry

All home and community gardeners are encouraged to plant and grow extra vegetables and donate the harvest to their local pantry or community kitchen.

You can make a difference in the lives of others by using the power of your own garden!

## WHY GROW AN EXTRA ROW?

- Help provide fresh, healthy produce to those in need.
- Contribute to the sustainability of agriculture.
- Help create a future where everyone has access to nourishing food.

## Fall Gardening Tips!

### Do some fall planting!

- Sow seeds for a fall harvest. Tatsoi, radish, spinach and loose-leaf lettuce can be planted through early September.
- In perennial and no-till beds, herbs such as sage, lavender, oregano and thyme are great choices and are often on sale at local nurseries in the fall.
- Plant garlic and leeks in perennial beds, 6 weeks before the ground freezes. Your local farmer's market is a great source of garlic; use the largest cloves for planting. For more info, an excellent book, "Growing Great Garlic," by Ron Engeland is available at the RC.
- A cover crop like rye and oats will improve your soil. Cover crop seeds are available at the RC and in many of our garden sheds, along with sowing instructions.

### Keep your plot well harvested. Rotting veggies will attract rodents, disease and other pests. If you have more growing than you can use:

- Donate to your local pantry.
- Preserve your harvest. Get free canning jars and equipment at the Resource Center by appointment. We have water baths, pressure canners, food mills and canning jars in various sizes.

## GROW-A-ROW

## Fresh Produce DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

*Your extra garden-grown produce can make a difference to those in need*



### Bethlehem Temp. Bread House

1518 S. Washington Ave.  
485-4209

### Crossroads

(Gateway Community Services)  
3240 S. Waverly Rd.  
899-2353

### Haslett Food Pantry

1427 Haslett Rd.  
505-3147

### First Presbyterian Church

(Northwest Initiative)  
510 Ottawa St.  
574-5124

### Letts Community Center

1220 W. Kalamazoo St.  
483-4311

### Salvation Army North

525 N. Pennsylvania Ave.  
484-4424

### Salvation Army South

701 W. Jolly Rd.  
394-6945

### Southside Community Kitchen

(St. Casimir Church)  
800 W. Barnes Ave.  
375-2977

For a full listing of produce drop locations, visit: [www.gfoodbank.org](http://www.gfoodbank.org)  
-> Get Involved -> Give Food -> Grow A Row Program Listing



# Calendar of Fall Workshops & Events

## Garden Health Field Day

**Friday, September 21st | 9:15am - 4:30pm**

Hill Community Garden  
5815 Wise Rd.  
Lansing, MI 48911

Hands-on demos about soil health, pest control, cover cropping, composting, soil test kits and more. Every type of grower is welcome, from community and urban gardeners, to homesteaders, farmers and newbies!

## GP Annual Perennial Plant Exchange

**Saturday, September 22nd | At 1 PM**

GP Resource Center in Foster Park

Fall is the best time to plant perennial flowers for blooms next year. Bring healthy, LABELED plants from home that you would like to trade. If you don't have any plants, come anyway; you can select perennials for yourself after the first two exchange rounds!

## Harvest Potluck & Garden Showcase

**Thursday, September 20th | 5:30-7pm**

Growing Community Garden  
6135 E Clinton Trail  
Eaton Rapids, MI 48827

Celebrate the year's harvest with us at an amazing 3-acre, 50+ family community garden. Bring a dish to share. There will be awards, games, tours and more!

## Crop Walk Save the Date!

October 14th at Grace United Methodist Church

**For more information or to RSVP for any of the above events, contact the Garden Project office at 517-853-7809 or email [gardenproject@glfoodbank.org](mailto:gardenproject@glfoodbank.org).**

# Let's Garden Lansing!



Thanks to the support of many excellent community partners, there are garden-related workshops and events almost every week! Visit [www.letsgardenlansing.org](http://www.letsgardenlansing.org) for an updated listing of local gardening happenings near you.

## Garden Leaders Training

Garden Leaders Training is coming back, Winter 2019!

With community support, a shared leadership model, and hands-on trainings, our network of gardens has increased threefold over the last 10 years. If you are interested in starting a garden in your community, attending Garden Leaders Training will help your group learn skills and access resources to get it started. Dates announced soon!

*If you are thinking about starting a new community garden or taking on a leadership role at an existing garden in 2019, please connect with us ASAP.*

## Harvest Gleaning

Greater Lansing Food Bank gleans produce from local orchards and farm fields to feed those in need. To become a volunteer gleaner this fall, call Sarah S. at (517) 908-3698 or email [volunteers@glfoodbank.org](mailto:volunteers@glfoodbank.org).



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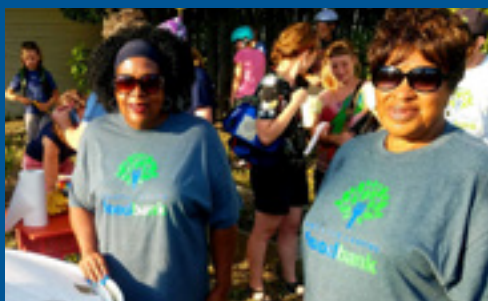
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## HEARTFELT THANK YOU!

**A heartfelt thank you to all our Garden Leaders, funders, supporters and volunteers! You are appreciated more than you will ever know!**

**If you would like to get involved, please contact us at 517-853-7809 or email [gardenproject@glfoodbank.org](mailto:gardenproject@glfoodbank.org).**



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