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## It is summertime... plenty to PLANT, TEND & HARVEST

**PLANT** – Warm soil and air make the perfect conditions for growing tomatoes, peppers, and eggplants. Set out plants in your garden now! Cucumbers, squash, melons and pumpkins can be grown from seed or transplant. Looking for a reliable seed to plant in the garden? Try green beans!

**TEND** – To keep weeds out and moisture in, hoe out weeds while they are still small and then cover any bare soil you leave behind. Grass clippings, straw and leaves all make great, low-cost mulch.

**HARVEST** – Keep plants picked clean—enjoying your garden food encourages plants to produce more.

### MORE GARDENING ADVICE...

- Water during the morning or early evening if you can. Once established, most plants will do better with a few deep soakings rather than repeated light watering. However, don't let freshly planted seeds and seedlings dry out.
- Don't limit your gardening to the summer months. Plant peas, spinach, lettuce, broccoli and root crops in July for a fresh fall harvest.
- If you're growing vine-type (indeterminate) tomatoes, prune off side-shoots to leave only one or two main stems for best production. And don't forget to trellis!



## Grow-A-Row

### Do you have more cucumbers and potatoes than you know what to do with?

Participate in GROW-A-Row to share your extra produce with those in need. **SEE FOLLOWING PAGE** for the top 10 produce varieties to donate to pantries, how to store them to ensure freshness, and for a pantry drop-off location near you.

# GROW-A-ROW Fresh Produce DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

Please call before visiting to guarantee someone is available to receive donations. For more drop-off locations please visit our website.

## Advent House Ministries

743 N. MLK Blvd., Lansing  
M-F 9:00-4:30 • 485-4722

## Bethlehem Temp. Bread House

1518 S. Washington Ave., Lansing  
M-F 10:00-4:00 • 485-4209, ask for Tina

## City Rescue Mission of Lansing

607 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing  
M-F 9:00-4:00 • 485-0145, ask for Tim

## Cristo Rey

1717 N. High St., Lansing  
M-Th 9:00-3:00, F 9:00-12:00  
372-4700 ext. 147

## Crossroads

(Gateway Community Services)  
3240 S. Waverly Rd., Lansing  
882-7217, ask for Jennifer

## First Presbyterian Church

510 Ottawa St., Lansing  
M-Th 9:00-11:30, 1:00-3:30  
775-0597

## Letts Community Center

1220 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing  
M-F 8:30-5:00 • 483-4311

## Our Savior Lutheran

1515 W. Holmes Rd., Lansing  
Tu,Th,F 9:30-2:45  
882-7750, ask for Sharon

## Seventh Day Adventist

5400 W. St. Joseph Hwy., Lansing  
W 9:00-3:00 • 321-8238

## Southside Community Kitchen

(St. Casimir Church)  
800 W. Barnes Ave., Lansing  
MW 9:30-1:00 • 375-2977

## The Salvation Army

525 N. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing  
M-F 9:00-11:00 & 1:00-3:00  
484-4424, ask for Denise

## TOP TEN PRODUCE VARIETIES to donate to food pantries

<b>Summer squash</b> (patty pan, zucchini, etc.)	Refrigerate in a plastic bag until drop-off. Do not wash.
<b>Cucumbers</b>	Store in cool spot, 55°F, in perforated plastic bags.
<b>Tomatoes &amp; tomatillos</b>	Do not refrigerate!
<b>Hardy greens</b> (spinach, kale, Swiss chard)	Consider dipping greens in cool water before bagging.
<b>Winter squash</b>	Harvest before frost but not too early for maximum flavor.
<b>Onions, shallots &amp; garlic</b>	Remove tops after 2 weeks of curing.
<b>Beets</b>	Try long-season varieties, like Detroit Dark Red.
<b>Potatoes</b>	Typically store 3 to 6 months or as long as 6 to 9 months.
<b>Carrots</b>	Trim tops to within a half-inch.
<b>Apples</b>	Separate them from other storage crops to avoid bitterness. In general, try to delay harvesting as long as possible to help produce a more stable crop for storage.

## Garden Project WISH LIST:

We are looking for the following donations to help support our community garden efforts. If you have materials to donate from this list, please contact us!

### Garden Equipment

- Garden tools (wheelbarrows, hoes, rakes, shovels, etc.)
- Composters
- Small engine equipment (tillers, lawn mowers, weed whip, chipper)
- Drills & power tools

### Services

- Garden expertise & mentoring
- Trucking, 5+ yard capabilities (free or heavily reduced fee)
- Volunteers at the Roots Farm, Resource Center & work days

### Extras

- Lumber
- Extra plant starts
- Canning jars & coolers

All donations are tax-deductible. Please share this list with others who may want to help. Any size donation is greatly appreciated.





Annual Garden Tour • **Wednesday, July 19**

### Don't miss this local summer tradition!

Explore some of the community gardens that make our Lansing neighborhoods unique. Guided bus, biking and walking tours will feature the stories, people, plants and food of new and established gardens. Gardens are tucked in all over Lansing – at schools, apartments, food pantries, Land Bank lots, public parks, and more!

- Snacks & Welcome from 5:30-6:00 p.m.
- Tours begin promptly at 6:00 p.m. from the GP Resource Center
- Suggested donation \$1- \$20

We hope to see you there!

# LANSING ROOTS EVENTS



### Farmers Market at the Capitol

July 27, Aug. 24 & Sept. 21 10:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m.  
Capitol Building East Lawn—SNAP payments accepted

### 5th Annual Lansing Roots Open House

Saturday, August 19  
Noon–4:00 p.m.  
1084 South Hagadorn Road, Mason.

Rain or shine;  
all are welcome!



### Sign up now for your Lansing Roots vegetable subscription box!

Join our CSA for 20 weekly or 10 bi-weekly boxes of fresh veggies and herbs, starting Wed., June 21! More info at: [greaterlansingfoodbank.org/lansingroots](http://greaterlansingfoodbank.org/lansingroots) or call (517)853-7812.

## GP Summer Event Schedule

FOR ADDITIONAL INFO ON EVENTS LISTED BELOW AND MUCH MORE, VISIT: [letsgardenlansing.org](http://letsgardenlansing.org)

**June 21** **Summer Solstice Party & Potluck** - 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
North School Community Garden  
333 E. Miller Rd., Lansing

**July 19** **Annual Community Garden Tour** - 5:30-8:00 p.m.  
Beginning at GP Resource Center, other locations TBA

**July 31 – August 6** **Grow-A-Row Week**  
Garden to Pantry, support one near you!

**August 7** **Weeds You Can Eat, part 1** (in the garden)  
6:00-7:30 p.m. - GP Resource Center

**August 8** **Weeds You Can Eat, part 2** (in the kitchen)  
6:00-7:30 p.m. - Allen Neighborhood Center  
1611 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing

**Sept. 16** **Perennial Plant Exchange** - Noon-1:30 p.m.  
GP Resource Center/Demo Garden

**Sept. 21** **Harvest Potluck & Garden Showcase** - 6:00-7:30 p.m.  
Garden location T.B.D.

*A heartfelt thank you to all of our garden leaders, funders, supporters and volunteers! You are appreciated more than you will ever know! If you would like to join us in 2017, please contact us at 517-853-7809 or [gardenproject@glfoodbank.org](mailto:gardenproject@glfoodbank.org)*

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## 2017 Resource Center Hours

### JUNE

All Tuesdays.....5-7 p.m.  
 All Wednesdays ..... 10 a.m.-1 p.m.  
 All Thursdays .....5-7 p.m.  
 Saturday, June 3 & 10, ..... 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

### JULY (Closed the first week of July)

Tuesday, July 11 & 18 .....5-7 p.m.  
 Wednesday, July 12 & 19 ..... 10 a.m.-1 p.m.  
 Thursday, July 13.....5-7 p.m.

## What's at the Resource Center?

- TOOLS:** to borrow—shovels, hoes, rakes & more.
- SEEDS:** a wide selection to get your garden started. (We have many but not all varieties.)
- PLANTS:** as available, mostly after Memorial Day.
- EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES:** books, videos, fact sheets & more. Meet knowledgeable volunteers & other gardeners.

*Please note: we may limit distribution to ensure fairness.*

## The Resource Center is located at 2401 Marcus Street –

Corner of Foster and Marcus, one block south of Kalamazoo Street on Lansing's east side.

