



The Garden Project's TOP TEN LIST



1) VOLUNTEER GROUPS LOVE GLFB & WANT TO COME TO YOUR GARDEN!

Every season, we pair volunteer groups with host garden sites for garden cleanups and work days. If you haven't contacted Donny yet to request a volunteer group of your own, do so now, he'd love to schedule you in! (email, dcomer@glfoodbank.org or call him at 517-853-7802)



2) FELLOW GARDEN LEADERS AREN'T ONLY GREAT COMPANY, THEY'RE A GREAT RESOURCE TOO!

We are host seasonal, Garden Leader Support Nights, at our Resource Center in Foster Park and host a private Facebook Group for Garden Leaders. There you can network with fellow leaders, share best practices and leave with some new inspiration. (Also a great opportunity to bring some new folks into leadership with you.)



3) WE ARE A BIG FAN OF WORKSHOPS!

Our community partners put on some awesome events... Have you checked out the Hunter Park Garden House [workshop series](#) (A+ presenters!) or [MSU's Horticulture Demo Garden & 4-H Children's Garden](#) calendar of events? All of these workshops, all GP events and SO many more are all listed online at LetsGardenLansing.org.



4) WE TAKE SPECIAL REQUESTS FOR SEEDS

If you know that gardeners at your site go crazy for specific types of flowers or veggies, let us know. We can pull packets for you in advance, so you can pass them along. (Some requests we have taken recently are for long beans, Chinese gourds, heirloom, open-pollinated tomatoes, daikon radish, collards, zinnias & specialty eggplants.)



5) WE HAVE A CHIPPER THAT YOU CAN BORROW!

Being a garden leader gets you access to our small engine tools. So, if you have an unruly compost pile or a stack of sunflowers stalks at the end of the season that you would like to chip right back into the garden, come borrow a chipper! (Gas & safety equipment provided, and possibly even transportation, as we have time)



6) ACTUALLY, WE HAVE A LOT OF COOL GARDEN EQUIPMENT THAT YOU CAN USE...

Want to try out a [broadfork](#) for prepping beds or an [earthway seeder](#) for planting a large swath of corn, beans or cover crops? We've got those & more. We'll show you how to use them & they'll make your life easier.



7) IF YOUR GARDEN LACKS SIGNAGE, WE'LL HELP YOU REPRESENT!

We would love to get you a Greater Lansing Food Bank GARDEN PROJECT sign, to represent your important place within the region's network of community gardens. Let us know if you don't have one & we'll send one your way.

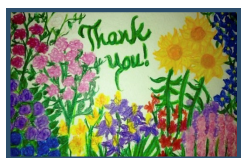
8) WE ARE ON FACEBOOK (Uh, like everyone else!)

And we would love to [connect with you there](#). Post pictures of your garden, invite others to your events and "like" us to get updates & garden tips. We'll share info on the greater urban ag, community gardening and food justice movements as well. (If your garden site has a page, let us know... we'll follow you too!)



9) 115 COMMUNITY GARDENS... AND GROWING!

At current count, the GARDEN PROJECT supports a network of 115 community gardens over a seven county region. That is over 36 acres of garden space! We do this with 4 full-time staff members (Dilli, Donny, Ben & Julie), one part-time (Majel) and one seasonal (Nate). We feel very honored to do this work and support such an awesome network.



10) Big network... BIG THANKS!

Your gardens are making a big difference in the lives of so many. Your visions are inspiring and your generosity of time and energy are significant. There is *no way* these gardens could exist without the effort you & your garden committees put in each year, so please know that you are very appreciated. THANK YOU SO MUCH!