

GARDEN NEWSLETTER

UPDATES & RESOURCES FOR YOUR COMMUNITY GARDEN

Hello Gardeners!

My name is Nora Woolf and I will be your Community Garden Coordinator. I will be your contact for all things gardening this season. I will be on site twice monthly to offer any assistance and, hopefully, help you learn new gardening techniques. I can't wait to help get plants in the ground!

I can be reached at nora@vcgn.org or 802-734-3432 for any garden questions.

See you in the garden,
Nora

UPCOMING EVENTS

Due to COVID-19, all dates are tentative and subject to change

Garden Opening Day

Saturday, May 30
1:00 to 3:00pm

Garden Support Visits Thursdays, 6 to 7pm

June 11
June 25
July 2
July 9
July 23
August 6
August 20
September 3
September 17



It's finally time to celebrate the official **beginning of the gardening season** at the South Maple community garden!

Saturday, May 30

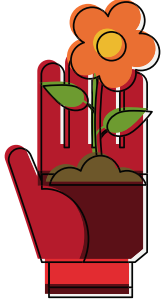
1:00 to 3:00pm



All resident gardeners are invited and encouraged to participate. Plan to do some (socially distant) **planting!**

All gardeners will be **required to wear a face mask** in the garden area.

Free vegetable plant starts and seeds will be available for resident gardeners.



GUIDELINES FOR SAFE COMMUNITY GARDENING DURING COVID-19

- If you are sick, please stay home.
- Keep at least 6' social distance from other people in the garden.
- Wearing face masks and gloves is highly encouraged.
- If possible, bring your own garden tools.
- All shared tools must be properly sanitized before and after use.
- Thoroughly wash your hands before and after visiting the garden.



MAY PLANTING GUIDE

Now is a good time to plant cold season crops. Most of these plants can be planted through May, and then again in late summer for a fall harvest.

Direct seed:

- Peas
- Spinach
- Kale
- Carrots
- Beets
- Radishes
- Lettuce

Transplant:

- Broccoli
- Cabbage
- Onions
- Parsley
- Chives



Pole beans grow high and produce a big harvest!

READY TO PLAN YOUR GARDEN?

Make the most of your space with these **top 10 plants for small gardens** (but remember...only plant what you'll eat!):

- Kale
- Cherry tomatoes
- Lettuce
- Beets
- Chard
- Spinach
- Beans

These edible flowers help bring pollinators to your garden while also bringing some color:

- Nasturtiums
- French marigolds
- Calendula



WHERE TO BUY SUPPLIES

You can find **gardening supplies at these local stores**, all offering curbside pickup:

- Bristol - Martin's Hardware
- Middlebury - Agway, Martin's Hardware
- Vergennes - Aubuchon's Hardware

Also, if you are interested in purchasing your own plant starts from Red Wagon Plants in Hinesburg, I would be happy to deliver them for you (I work there part-time!).