

GRACE Community Garden Planting/Tending Schedule 2023

Clean Up and Preparation, Saturday, Jan. 7. Pull spent plants, chop into compost. Add leaves to compost piles, turn compost piles. Spray dormant oil on fruit trees, do selective pruning of fruit trees. Move surplus soil away from fence and add to low areas. 12:00 noon until done.

Spread Manure, Saturday, Jan. 21. Major Preparation Date. Spread manure on all beds, work into beds. Fruit trees: prune dead or crossing branches, spray with dormant oil if missed earlier. 12:00 noon till done.

Early Spring Planting, Saturday Feb 4. Major planting date. Bad weather Backup date of Feb 11. Plant carrots, onions, potato sets, cabbage (plants). 12:00 noon till done.

Mid Spring Planting, Saturday March 18, Major planting date. Plant watermelons, tomatoes and peppers (transplants) and interplant borage, garlic, marigolds and nasturtiums to ward off pests. Fruit trees: use fertilizer sticks. Cage tomatoes and peppers as soon as planted. Weed and mulch crops planted on 2-3. Mulch walkways. 9:00 am till done.

Spring Tending and Planting, Saturday April 8. Plant cantaloupe, and replant where needed. Weed and mulch generally, and around our newly established tomatoes, squashes and peppers, as well as replenish mulch in our walkways. Seed marigolds where missing. 9:00 am till done.

Late Spring Planting and Tending, Saturday May 13. Plant cucumber, squash, and sweet potatoes. Weed and mulch as needed. Turn compost piles to aerate, water them. 9:00 am till done.

Early Summer Planting, Saturday, June 3. Plant succession tomatoes and peppers, cage them, plant succession watermelon, cucumber and cantaloupe. Turn compost piles to aerate, water the piles, and add leaves. Weed and mulch generally. 8:00 am till done.

Summer Tending, June 24, Plant winter squash. Weed and mulch as needed. 8:00 am till done

Tomato Pruning, Saturday July 22. Gather tomato fruits. Prune back vines planted on 3-18 to promote second growth of new stems and blossoms for fall production. Weed and mulch generally. 8:00 am till done.

Last Summer Tending, Saturday August 12. Weed and mulch generally; turn compost piles, water them. 8:00 am till done.

Early Fall Tending, Saturday September 9. Plant winter squash, Remove spent crops, apply manure and/or finished compost. Replant where needed. Weed and mulch generally. 8:00 am till done.

Late Fall Planting, Saturday October 7. Plant cabbage transplants. Turn compost bins, add leaves. Weed and mulch generally. 9:00 am 'til done.

December: Bring bags of leaves to use as compost and mulch. Place along fence line.

Volunteers to help gather ripe produce based on crop readiness and pantry space, please schedule with Becca Clarke, 817-454-0731.