

MAINTENANCE PLAN

We are determined to have maintenance stay with the Community Garden itself, and not fall to the people who already donate their time and energy to keeping our grounds looking so good. To this end, we will have five tools available to do so:

1. The Community Garden Membership Agreement. This agreement between the individual gardener and the Congregation, which states that the gardener is responsible not only for the good maintenance of his/her individual plot, but will be in a rotation to care for the garden as a whole in spelled out ways and times. The consequence of not following through on this is potentially having one's plot reassigned to someone else, terminating the original agreement.
2. The Weekly Patrol. The Garden Committee will set up a schedule of once a week maintenance duty, participation in which will be a requirement for gardening a plot.
3. Monthly Review of the grounds and of the system for maintaining them. Once a month, at the monthly Gardeners' meeting, maintenance concerns will be addressed and adapted to present circumstances.
4. Fall Clean-up. One the end date of the season for the gardens, we will have some celebration, like a harvest pot-luck, etc. with the entire garden harvested, cleaned up, and planted in cover crops or covered with leaves or mulch if not already done. This would be around mid-November at the latest.
5. Winter Monthly Maintenance. The Community Garden Committee will appoint one or more persons on the committee to oversee the maintenance of the area and be the contact person(s) should there be concerns.

EQUIPMENT: Compost Bins, Container for plant pots to take for recycling.

OTHER:

All garden trash other than plastic pots and compostable materials generated on site will be carried home by the gardeners.

At the end of the season planting beds will have been planted in cover crop or covered with mulch/leaves for the winter.

All equipment will be taken away, such as trellises, bets, row markers, hoses and garden art.