

Community Garden Newsletter

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JANUARY IN THE RAISED GARDEN BED

PLANNING, PREPARING & DREAMING OF SPRING
JANUARY IS A QUIETER MONTH IN THE GARDEN, BUT IT'S ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT TIMES OF THE YEAR FOR SETTING YOURSELF UP FOR SUCCESS. WHILE MANY BEDS MAY BE RESTING, THERE'S STILL PLENTY YOU CAN DO NOW TO PREPARE FOR A PRODUCTIVE GROWING SEASON AHEAD.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE GARDEN

COLD TEMPERATURES SLOW PLANT GROWTH, BUT YOUR RAISED BEDS ARE STILL HARD AT WORK. SOIL ORGANISMS CONTINUE BREAKING DOWN ORGANIC MATTER, IMPROVING STRUCTURE AND FERTILITY FOR SPRING PLANTING.

GARDEN TIP:

HEALTHY SOIL =

HEALTHY PLANTS



JANUARY GARDEN TO-DO LIST

- CLEAN UP BEDS
- REMOVE OLD PLANT DEBRIS AND WEEDS TO PREVENT PESTS AND DISEASE.
- PROTECT YOUR SOIL
- ADD MULCH, STRAW, OR LEAVES TO INSULATE SOIL AND PREVENT EROSION.
- TEST YOUR SOIL
- WINTER IS A GREAT TIME TO TEST SOIL PH AND NUTRIENTS SO AMENDMENTS CAN BE ADDED EARLY.
- ADD COMPOST
- TOP OFF BEDS WITH COMPOST TO ENRICH SOIL WHILE IT RESTS.

COMMUNITY GARDEN REMINDERS FOR THE GROWING SEASON

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMUNITY GARDEN. I AM EXCITED TO SEE WHAT THIS GROWING SEASON BRINGS AND APPRECIATE YOUR COMMITMENT TO KEEPING OUR GARDEN A POSITIVE AND PRODUCTIVE SPACE FOR EVERYONE.

AS WE MOVE INTO THE UPCOMING SEASON, PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING REMINDERS IN MIND:

- PESTICIDES: IF PESTICIDES ARE NEEDED, THEY MUST BE APPLIED BY A LICENSED PROFESSIONAL ONLY. PLEASE CONTACT ME, AND I WILL COORDINATE WITH THE APPROPRIATE STAFF.
- TOOLS: ONLY HAND TOOLS ARE PERMITTED FOR USE IN THE GARDEN BEDS.
- WATER CONSERVATION: PLEASE CONSERVE WATER WHENEVER POSSIBLE AND USE RAIN BARRELS IF AVAILABLE.
- CLEANLINESS: DISPOSE OF ALL GARDEN DEBRIS IN THE PROPER RECEPTACLES PROVIDED.

MOST IMPORTANTLY:

DO NOT PICK FROM ANOTHER GARDEN BED.

THIS WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE EXPULSION FROM THE COMMUNITY GARDEN. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND FOR HELPING MAINTAIN A RESPECTFUL AND ENJOYABLE ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL GARDENERS. LET'S MAKE THIS A SUCCESSFUL SEASON!