THINK AHEAD & STAY SAFE

COVID-19 Guidelines & Resources for Safe Community Gardening

Stay up-to-date on the latest resources and news regarding the COVID-19 virus by visiting VCGN's Facebook page and/or joining our Facebook... Learn More »

social distancing, schedule shifts/assign tasks, disinfect, limit sharing, practice food safety, when in doubt stay home

Click here for a link to Guidelines & Resources
GARDENING WITH PURPOSE

Why do you have/want a garden for your community? What purpose does it serve?
WHO ARE YOU TRYING TO REACH?

- Organizations = Your Constituents
- Schools & Educational Facilities = Students & Families
- Businesses = Employees or Clients
- Community Garden = Residents
HOW WILL YOU SERVE THEM?

Offer Education = teach skills & concepts

Collective action for the greater good = call to action

Provide Space to Grow = access to land

Open Up Opportunity to Be Active Outside = mental & physical wellbeing

Increase Access to Fresh Vegetables = health & equity

Build Community Connection = bring people together
Offer education
Teach skills & concepts

- Workshops / Skills swaps / Incorporating into curriculum

**Resources:** UVM Extension Master Gardener
[Vermont Victory Over Virus Vegetable Gardening Resource Map](#)

- Demo plots to promote gardening practices (COVID-19)

- Post materials on-site / Signage (COVID-19)

**Resources:** [VCGN Toolshed Tips: All About Signs](#), [COVID-19 Guidelines](#)

- Remote sharing of tips – email, FB, Google Groups (COVID-19)

- Remote engagement in activities – articles in newspaper – Barton CG, activity ideas for families (COVID-19)

**Resources:** KidsGardening – [Gardening Ideas for Kids, Parents & Teachers](#)
[Junior Master Gardener – Virtual Group Meets](#)
COLLECTIVE ACTION FOR THE GREATER GOOD

CALL TO ACTION

Examples: No-till gardening, Pollinator habitat, Water conservation

Resource: Cornell Climate Smart Solutions Program - [Gardening in a Warming World](https://climate-smart-solutions.cornell.edu/gardening)
Provide space to grow
access to land

Reaching those who need access. Consider...

● Accessibility to site – distance, transportation
● Accessibility of site – pathways, raised beds

Resource: VCGN Toolshed Tips: Building Accessible Gardens

● How much space people need – not too much; not too little
● How people find out – how do people get information
OPEN UP OPPORTUNITY TO BE ACTIVE OUTSIDE
MENTAL & PHYSICAL WELLBEING

Making time for it...

- Building into structure of the day
- Open hours convenient
INCREASE ACCESS TO FRESH VEGETABLES

HEALTH & EQUITY

- Donation gardens tended by volunteers
- “Grow a Row”
- Communal gardening shares

Resource: VCGN Toolshed Tips: Share the Bounty
BUILD COMMUNITY CONNECTION

BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER

- Create spaces for gathering
- Community events
- Foster a welcoming environment (COVID-19)
- Create/Upkeep an online community - video chats, social media (COVID-19)
VCGN website:

- COVID-19 page
- Garden Organizer Toolkit
- Growing in the Garden

VCGN email newsletter

Continue the conversation:

- VCGN closed FB group
- VCGN Weekly Garden Chats
  Thursdays, 11am
- SGSO Network
  forum, webinars, collated resources