



*A People Place, A Change of Pace*  
**SHELburne**  
ONTARIO, CANADA

## Garden News Update

May 2022

### April Showers Bring May Flowers!



### Community Garden Opens June 8, 2022

The official opening of the community garden is June 8th, 2022. With the unusual warm weather, we are experiencing, feel free to start planting over the May long weekend. Remember, frost can hit even in June! Be prepared to protect your vegetable plants, based on the [Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs](#) shelburne (Zone D) 50% of the time (one year in two) there will be no frost in Shelburne after May 11th. There is a 25% risk of a frost occurring 7 days after the listed last spring frost date (May11). 14 days after the listed date (May 11), the risk decreases to 10%.

## House Keeping FYI

Organic Topsoil will be delivered to the garden the week of May 23, 2022

New this Year: Last year several gardeners expressed concern with the removal of items from gardens. To help mitigate concerns, combination locks will be installed on the South and West gates.

## Year of the Garden 2022



The Year of the Garden 2022, a Centennial Celebration of our horticulture sector, from January 1 to December 31, will commemorate Canada's rich garden heritage, celebrate today's vibrant garden culture, and create legacies for a sustainable future.

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### 1. **Feed the soil**

Before planting, the entire vegetable garden should be covered with three to eight centimeters (one to three inches) of compost. You can work this layer of compost into the garden with a Rototiller or spade or let the earthworms do it for you!

### 2. **Water often**

Vegetables need daily watering when at the seedling stage. Water often as the surface of the soil becomes dry. Can't always make it to the community garden???

Try spreading a thick layer of organic mulch to conserve moisture in the soil

### 3. **Mulch, mulch, mulch**

Mulch helps retain moisture, encourages earthworms, fosters healthy microbial activity in the soil and reduces your weeding....win win!

### 4. **Rotate your crops**

Plants in the same family are usually affected by the same pest and diseases. Keep plants from the same family in separate beds and relocate those plants to new beds the following year

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