

SHELBURNE COMMUNITY GARDEN

Registration / Payment Now Open!



Happy New Year!

The 2025 garden season is almost here! Please confirm your registration and pay for your garden plots before we open applications to the public on March 3, 2025.

To register, fill out the online form (click the link below) or visit the office at 203 Main Street East, Shelburne, ON.

It's first come, first served, with preference for returning gardeners in good standing. If you want the same plot and haven't told us yet, please email us at: edcsupport@shelburne.ca

Looking forward to another successful gardening season!

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Holburne
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Revitalized Garden Soil for 2025!

Great news, gardeners!

Holburne Mushroom Farm (2005) Limited, Queensville, Ontario, generously donated mushroom compost to our community garden. Thanks to their donation, in November of 2024, the Town updated the community garden soil with a blend of mushroom compost and organic garden soil.

We have taken steps to combat tomato and potato blight, which affected most of Southern Ontario in 2023 and 2024. However, since blight is airborne, we can't guarantee it won't occur again in 2025.

Follow the best practices below to help prevent blight at the Shelburne community garden and be ready for a fantastic gardening season with this nutrient-rich soil!



Blight: What You Need to Know

Tomato and **Potato** blight, particularly late blight, was a significant issue for gardeners in Ontario in 2024.

Ontario Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Rural Affairs provided the following statement about blight infections in Ontario 2024 *"Late blight started in tomato and potato about a month earlier than normal this year in southwestern Ontario. July 2nd was the first report. From there it slowly spread and now can be seen in most growing areas in Southwestern, Central, and Eastern Ontario. Commercial growers control the spread by using late blight specific fungicides, but since tomatoes are common in backyard gardens the spread is harder to contain."*

Blight is a fungus that thrives in wet and humid conditions. It naturally occurs in soil, and its spores can survive in soil for several years. The spores often persist in infected plant debris, fallen leaves, and stems, and can be spread by wind, rain, or even garden tools.

To manage and prevent blight, please see these helpful hints:

- It is important to not reuse seeds or plant materials from the 2024 crop
- Providing proper spacing of plants to improve air circulation
- Using mulch to prevent soil from splashing onto leaves
- Watering at the base of the plants to keep foliage dry
- Additionally, planting blight-resistant tomato varieties can help reduce the risk

Blight Resistant Tomato Varieties

1. Mountain Magic: Resistant to both early and late blight,
2. Plum Regal: Offers strong resistance to both types of blight and produces plum-shaped tomatoes
3. Defiant PhR: Known for its robust resistance to both early and late blight
4. Jasper: A cherry tomato variety that resists both blights and produces sweet, small tomatoes
5. Juliet: A grape tomato variety that's resistant to both early and late blight

These varieties can help you have a successful and blight-free tomato harvest.



Shelburne Public Library's Seedy Saturday

Saturday, March 22 | 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
201 Owen Sound St., Shelburne, ON

Join us to borrow Seeds directly from
YOUR Library!

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