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**SHELBURNE**  
ONTARIO, CANADA

## Garden News Update

April 2026

### April Showers Bring May Flowers!



#### Community Garden Opens May 15, 2026

The official opening of the community garden is May 15, 2026. Feel free to start planting over the May long weekend. Remember, with the unusual weather we are experiencing, frost can hit even in June! Be prepared to protect your plants.

According to the [Ontario Government](#), in 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 (May 11). 14 days after the listed date (May 11), the risk decreases to 10%.

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#### When to Plant Vegetables in Ontario Canada

Here is a quick overview of when to plant the most popular types of vegetables for your spring garden. Scroll down for the full list. Cold crops (broccoli, cauliflower,

cabbage, lettuce, spinach): Direct seed around April 21 if ground is workable. For better results, start indoors around March 24 and transplant around May 13.

[Read More](#)

## Housekeeping: FYI

- Mushroom compost will be available at the garden.
- To help mitigate concerns about theft, combination locks are installed on the South and West gates. The code is confidential. **Please do not share it**
- The code for both locks is XXXX
- Washrooms will be unlocked and available for use - Date to be determined

## Do you want your garden bed tilled?

### LOCATION

Shelburne Community Garden (Fiddle Park 105 2nd Line)

### DATE AND TIME

04/09/26 2:30pm - 04/30/26 3:00pm US/Eastern

Please tell us if you would like your garden bed tilled. Tilling: breaking-up and turning the soil to prepare it for planting.

**Yes, please till my garden bed!**

**No, I do not want my garden bed tilled**

## 4 Tips for Growing Vegetables



### 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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