# **Shelburne Community Garden**



#### Hello Gardeners!

We hope you have had a great gardening season; the gardens looked Amazing!

We are getting ready to close the Community Garden for the 2023 season. The days are getting shorter, and the nights are getting cooler, that means it's time to start putting your garden to bed for the winter. Your last responsibility for the season is to clean your garden bed.

### Harvesting Crops - October 10, 2023

Many of your crops have completed their cycle, the remaining crops need to be harvested by October 10, 2023. If you have not harvested crops by this date, any viable food left in the garden beds will be harvested by Town staff and donated.

### Garden Cleanup – October 31st, 2023

All gardens must be cleaned (removal of all plant materials) by November 1st, 2023, so that Town Staff can winterize the garden. Gardeners who do not clear their gardens will forfeit their garden bed for the 2024 gardening season.

## Planting Garlic!

New this year, Town Staff will be adding compost to the gardens in preparation for the 2024 season. Compost will be added mid-October. If you plan to plant Garlic, please plant garlic after October 16, 2023.

#### New for 2024

Town staff will NOT be tilling beds in 2024. If you are returning next year and you <u>want</u> your garden bed tilled, you will need to make a request. Don't worry... we will send out a reminder!

To till or not to till?

- Benefits of a **No-till Garden**, healthier soil, less erosion and runoff, reduced reliance on fertilizers and the promotion of better plant growth.
- Benefits of Tilling soil, it changes the soil's Solidness and texture, incorporates organic matter quickly, and helps plants establish full root systems quickly.

Are you already planning for next year? That's great! If you gardened with us this year and winterized your garden plot, you're welcome to come back to the same garden plot next spring!

All gardeners wishing to come back for the 2022 season must confirm their intent to return between November 1, 2023 – January 7, 2024.

If we don't hear from you, we will assume you are not returning and will give your plot to someone on the waiting list.

Have a great week!







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