



A People Place, A Change of Pace
SHELBURNE
ONTARIO, CANADA

Garden News Update

May 2023

April Showers Bring May Flowers!



Community Garden Opens May 19, 2023

The official opening of the community garden is May 19, 2023, 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. 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 (May 11). 14 days after the listed date (May 11), the risk decreases to 10%.

Housekeeping: FYI

- Organic Topsoil is available at the garden
- To help mitigate concerns about theft, combination locks have been installed

on the South and West gates. The code is confidential, please do not share it

- The code for both locks is **D i r t**
- The garden beds have been tilled and topped up with fresh garden soil
- Washrooms will be unlocked and available for use - Date to be determined

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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