



*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

- 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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