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Hey Everyone —

I hope we are all safe and well, and finding moments of peace in our green spaces. The growing season is in full swing. Beds are planted, flowers are blooming (including some marigolds I started from seed! I'm so proud!), and pollinators are busy with a job to do.

To date, the Community Gardens Program (CGP) is 30 sites strong — concentrated in pockets across Germantown, Fishtown and Kensington, North, South, and West Philadelphia. And we're still expanding! This is our Summer 2020 Newsletter for the PHS Community Gardens Program. Make sure to pass these newsletters along to your garden groups, and keep an eye out for future communications.

One quick thing: We are asking that sites in the CGP Network return a signed **Garden Partnership Agreement Form**. The agreement — written for a 5 year period, but can be terminated at any time — formally connects your site with PHS. Site leaders should have received an e-mail via DocuSign to complete virtually. Please reach out if you'd like a new copy to sign.

What's in this issue:

- Soil Deliveries — the link is live!! If you're looking for compost and soil to be delivered directly to your sites, fill out the form. Bookmark it so you have it saved for future requests too.
- Upcoming Workshops — Every Monday at 4pm, Sally and friends are hosting a Beginner Food Growing workshop series. We're covering everything from composting, container gardening, diy garden structures, harvesting crops, and more.
- PHS Harvest 2020 — Harvest 2020 is a new PHS program focused on addressing growing food insecurity in region by mobilizing people to grow and share fresh produce. Community gardeners are true champions of initiatives like Harvest 2020, so let's track our collective impact!

CGP Network Quick Links

Sites in the CGP Network have access to PHS resources: supplies and materials, access to the Tool Library, technical and volunteer assistance, etc. So far, we've shared links to buy into the Seedling CSA and request technical assistance. We're now taking requests for soil and compost as well. Click below to submit a request!! **Compost and soil is available in quantities of 2.5, 5, 10 and 25 cubic yards.** Due to funding, PHS will ask sites to cost-share delivery fees with us for requests of 5 cubic yards or more.

Alternatively, the [Fairmount Recycling Center](#) is scheduling appointments for free, contactless pick-ups of soil and other materials.

[Request a Compost/Soil Delivery](#)

[Need Technical Assistance?](#)

Beginner Food Growing Workshops



While we can't be together in-person, we can still gather on ZOOM to exchange our gardening knowledge and encourage others to get new cooperative gardens started during the pandemic ... all while keeping the community part of community gardening centered. Join Sally and the team in a new hands-on workshop series for community members. **Every Monday at 4pm**, we'll cover topics like raised beds and container gardening, composting, and direct sowing versus transplanting, etc. [Register Here!!](#) And stay tuned for Garden Tenders and continued programming in the fall.

PHS Harvest 2020



[Harvest 2020](#) is a new PHS program focused on addressing growing hunger and food insecurity in the Philadelphia region. The goal is to mobilize 100,000 people to grow and share 5 million pounds of fresh produce – for ourselves, our families, our communities and local food pantries.

Community gardeners and growers have championed this work for generations. You can [register here](#) as a grower, sharer, or supporter of the work you're already doing!! There's a list of resources you can find on the webpage too – a map of garden retailers, plant suggestions for beginners and/or large scale production, tips on how and where to donate your harvest, etc.

I registered to grow and share my harvest this season. I'm looking forward to really tracking how much I'm producing at my community garden plot. You can track your harvest – and our collective impact – through [this form](#).

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