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Hey Everyone —

Happy Autumn aka my favorite time of the year. I live for the crisper weather, low mosquito populations, and all the transition happening in the garden.

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 with a new session of Garden Tenders! This is our Fall 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:

- **Materials & Supplies** — This season, links to request compost and soil and lumber are live!! Fill out these easy-peasy forms and we'll hook it up.
- **PHS McLean Tool Library** — Check out the latest pictures and updates of the tool library at Glenwood Green Acres. Not pictured: Adam using a flame thrower to torch some weeds.
- **Philly Community Fridges** — I'll bet you ten bucks there's a community fridge running in your part of the city. Community fridges are volunteer-organized and meant for everyone. Take what you need, and leave what you don't!
- **PHS Harvest 2020** — Harvest 2020 is a new PHS program focused on addressing growing food insecurity in the 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!

Materials & Supplies

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 lumber 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

Request Lumber

Need Technical
Assistance?

PHS McLean Tool Library



The tool library is looking more and more legit every day thanks to Adam and Ed. We broke ground on the Tool Library this winter, and we're making strides to open as soon as we can. After crowdsourcing input from community members, we're stocking up on speciality tools for one-off projects and large quantities of tools for workdays too. We even have supplies to loan out to facilitate community gatherings. Everything is really coming together.

The tool library will be opened 2 days a week to start — a weekday and Saturday. As garden members in our Community Gardens Program network, you'll have free access to the inventory. We'll be sure to share updates as they come!

Philly Community Fridges

I'll bet you ten bucks there's a community fridge running in your corner of the city. Community fridges are volunteer-organized and meant for everyone. Rooted in Philly's longstanding tradition of mutual aid, the fridges encourage neighbors to "take what you need, and leave what you don't!"

The fridges are stocked by volunteers, or anyone passing by with a perishable item they want to donate. And crews of volunteers clean and maintain the fridges daily. You can read more on the fridges on [WHYY](#) and follow along with their individual social medias.

I've been donating some of my garden surplus to the fridges in South Philly, and I scooped up some canned pumpkin the other day to make pumpkin bread! Let me know if you want the recipe!



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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