

Yard to Garden

Welcome to the Yard to Garden Program! Whether you are a beginner or an expert gardener, our team is here to help you transform your yard or unused balcony space into a productive garden. This program aims to increase local food security within Surrey and help feed families impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic while promoting volunteerism and building food-growing skills.

This brief guide will provide you with useful tips and advice for gardening in the late summer and fall. Additional resources can be found online or on the Yard to Garden website.



Getting Started

Your garden kit has a variety of seeds which may include radishes, arugula, or kale. All of these seed varieties can be planted during the summer to provide you with a harvest in the fall. Consider purchasing additional seeds, such as carrots or beets, and even seedlings to increase the diversity of produce in your garden. Grab a pair of gloves, some gardening tools and get outside!

August

Begin by choosing a bright sunny spot to start your garden. Choose an area that receives 6-8 hours of direct sunlight per day to give your plants the best growing conditions. Read the sowing instructions carefully on the back of your seed packet or search online resources. Different plants have different planting requirements and for the seeds provided, $\frac{1}{4}$ inch planting depth should be enough. Water your plants regularly as needed. If you are using a planter box, you will need to water your plants more often as water tends to drain or evaporate more quickly.

September

Plants tend to grow slower in the fall than the spring so continue monitoring and watering your plants. Be on the lookout for discoloured leaves as these may be signs of disease or pests. Leafy greens may be ready to harvest!



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October

Depending on your crop, it may be time to start harvesting. Leafy greens such as kale can continuously be harvested throughout the fall and into winter. Be sure to leave at least 3 or 4 small leaves to promote continued growth.

In preparation for next season, add compost and fertilizer to the soil to help restore nutrients.



Gardening is a valuable skill that requires patience and practice that pays off in fresh, local food that you created!

Harvesting your first crop is always a rewarding feeling. If you decide to donate a portion of your harvest, you can be assured it will help feed a local resident in need.

Stay Connected

Remember to share progress of your garden throughout the fall. We want to hear your stories, see your photos and celebrate your successes!

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