



Burlington Area Community Gardens Registration Form

Gardening for a better tomorrow!

www.enjoyburlington.com 2009 Registration Packet and Spring Newsletter

Welcome to Burlington Area Community Gardens What's inside:

Operated through the City of Burlington, Department of Parks and Recreation, area residents may apply to rent **seasonal** garden plots. Weather dependent, garden sites open up in **late April—mid May and close for the season in October**. All sites are equipped with water and most have convenient tool sheds with community tools. Most sites are turned over by tractor in the spring and ready for gardening after each individual plot is laid out by volunteers. Gardeners will be notified when individual sites are opened and oriented by garden volunteer site coordinators. Gardeners must check in with

their site coordinator before they begin to garden.

In the fall, gardeners are responsible for cleaning out their own plots. Failure to clean up can result in a denied application for the following year. Each gardener is required to apply every season. Payment in full is expected at time of registration. No plot may be reserved without payment.

Being a Community Gardener means being involved. Everyone must take community responsibility and actively contribute to the maintenance

of the garden sites. As a Community Gardener you are expected to participate in at least **two** of the three **Community Work Days** during the season. Community Work Days help preserve and nourish garden sites so that they may provide gardeners with years of bountiful harvests. Each garden site has volunteer site coordinators that contribute to the site's management and growth. Any gardener may volunteer to be a site coordinator. For more information, please contact the BACG main office at 863-0420.

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Organic Gardening Resources

Burlington Farmer's Market

A great place to get plants, seeds and produce.

City Hall Park—Saturdays 8:30-2:30
(May 9—Oct 31)

H.O. Wheeler School—Tuesdays
3pm-6:30pm

Ethan Allen Park—Thursdays
3pm-6:30pm
(June-October)

Seeds

High Mowing Seeds

802-888-1800 or

www.highmowingseeds.com

Plants

Gardener's Supply Company

660-3505

Arcana 899-5123

Compost

Intervale Compost 660-4949

Champlain Valley 425-5556

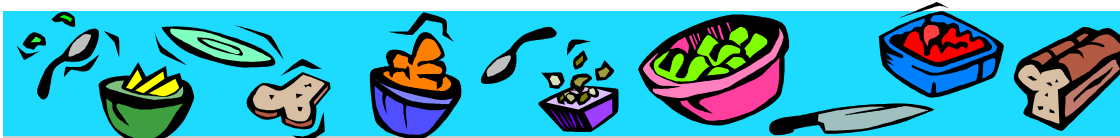
Websites

www.burlingtongardens.org

www.organicgardening.com

www.nofavt.org

www.enjoyburlington.com



BACG's Annual Spring Potluck Dinner

Kick-off the 2009 garden season at the Annual BACG Spring Potluck on

Saturday April 4th, 6-8:00 pm at the **New Miller Community and Recreation**

Center located at the end of Gosse Court off North Ave. by Hunt Middle School.

This year's guest speaker, Karen Hills, will talk about soil fertility and sustainability.

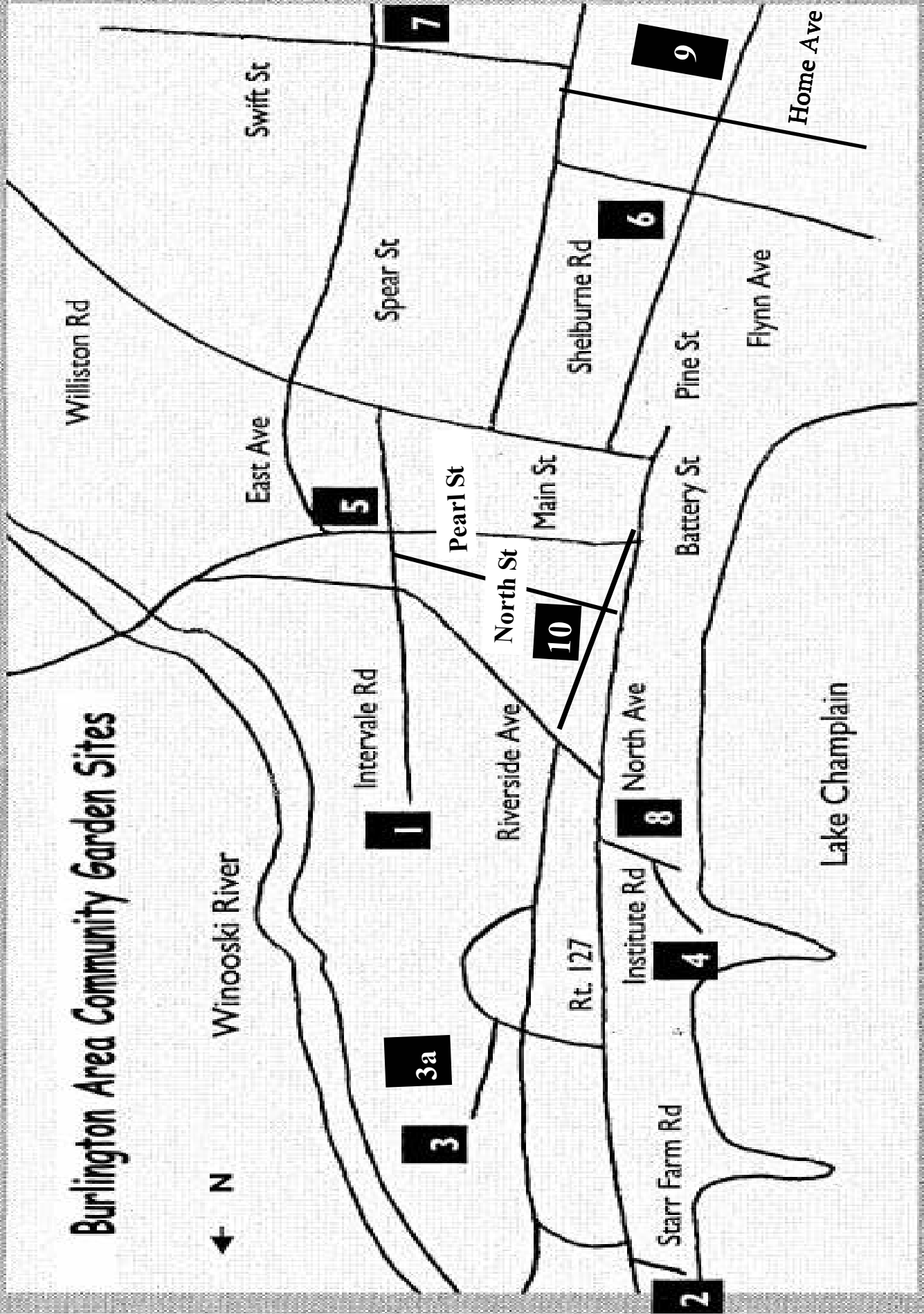
Karen works for UVM extension program as a crop and soil technician. Bring your favorite dish to share. Don't miss out on one of the best silent auctions of the season. 100% of the proceeds benefit the gardens. Free seeds and seedlings to start your garden.

Volunteers are needed to help plan the program which includes: silent auction, set-up, and kid's activities. Please contact BACG at 863-0420 to get involved.

Burlington Area Community Garden Sites



Winooski River



BACG Garden Site Descriptions

Site	Plot Sizes	Closing Date	Site Description
1. Tommy Thompson Located at the Intervale	Full and Half Plots	October 24	The rich soil produces bumper crops. The site has three tool sheds, a pole barn providing a central meeting place, and a shady picnic area. No-till sites are available to returning gardeners.
2. Starr Farm Located off of Starr Farm Rd.	Full, Half and Novice/Family Friendly plots	October 10	This sandy site offers small no-till plots for early, late and year round crops in addition to the other plots. Amenities include a tool shed, picnic tables and fruit trees. This site is adjacent to the Starr Farm Dog Park.
3a. Winooski Valley Park Located off of Route 127	Full and Half Plots	October 10	This site has a tool shed with bulletin board. There are bathrooms and picnic areas courtesy of W.V.P.D.
3b. New Discovery Garden Located off of Route 127	Novice/Family Friendly Plots	October 10	This is a great site for first time gardeners and families with young gardeners. There are bathrooms and picnic areas courtesy of W.V.P.D.
4. Rock Point Located off of Institute Rd	Full and Half Plots	October 10	This site has heavy soils but great location on the Episcopal Diocese land near North Beach and BHS. There is a tool shed on site.
5. Medical Center Located on the corner of East Ave and Colchester Ave.	Full and Half Plots	October 17	This site received a new tool shed last year. Off street parking is available in the VT Health Department parking lot off of East Avenue
6. Champlain Located on Pine Street	Full, Half and Novice/Family Friendly Plots	October 17	This site has compacted soils and is usually the last to open. This site has a tool shed and returning gardeners can request a no-till plot.
7. UVM Wheelock Farm Located on the corner of Swift St. and Spear St.	Full and Half Plots	October 17	This site is not currently equipped with a tool shed but has lovely Adirondack views and is located near the South Burlington Bike Path.
8. Lakeview Located at 311 North Ave.	Half Plots	No-till site	This small site is not recommended for children. Gardeners are responsible for turning over their own soil.
9. Baird Park Located on Pine Street	Novice/Family Friendly Plots	October 17	This site is not currently equipped with a tool shed and the water is supplied out of a storage tank.
10. Myrtle Street Located on Myrtle St.	Novice/Family Friendly Plots	October 17	The newest site to the system already has water in place with hopes of a tool shed coming in July. These plots will be about 10ft X 4ft.

Archibald Neighborhood Garden

Grow Team ONE, a grassroots community organization in Burlington's Old North End, coordinates the Archibald Neighborhood Garden. The garden is located at the intersection of Archibald and Walnut streets, across from H.O. Wheeler School.

Gardeners work with a team of mentors who hold gardening and wellness workshops at the site. Space for the garden has been provided by the Visiting Nurse Association of Chittenden & Grand Isle Counties and Intervale Compost Products donated all the raised-bed mix. The independently run garden is sponsored by Burlington Parks & Recreation Department and receives guidance from Friends of Burlington Gardens.

Gardeners interested in learning more or getting involved with the Archibald Neighborhood Garden should contact Grow Team One directly. Contact us:

www.growteamvt.com growteam@yahoo.com
Phone: (802) 598-3139

Gardening Education Opportunities

Minimizing Produce Pilfering: Strategies for Community Gardeners—March 21, 10am – 12pm at the Miller Recreation and Community Center. Presented by: Jim Flint, Friends of Burlington Gardens

Beginning and veteran community gardeners will learn practical tips and techniques to keep more of the fresh produce we grow. Through discussion, we'll explore the diverse reasons why people steal vegetables, and we'll plan ways that gardeners and site coordinators can join efforts to minimize produce losses. **Free**

Community Gardening 101—April 11th, 9:30am and 10:30am at 645 Pine Street. These two short sessions are perfect for first time gardeners or gardeners new to the community garden program. Participants will learn the ins and outs of Community Gardening in Burlington. Program rules and regulations will be reviewed and questions will be answered. At the end of each session, time will be allowed for participants to register for garden classes. **Free**

Compost Alive—April 18th, 9:30am-11:30am at the Miller Community and Recreation Center. Transform your kitchen scraps, grass clippings, and leaves into compost in two to three weeks in a bucket, bin or compost pile. Laurie DiCesare will explain the basics and will offer suggestions on how to make the process run smoothly. *To register for this class please call Burlington Parks and Recreation at 864-0123 or register online at www.enjoyburlington.com \$10/\$20 (non-resident)*

Beginner Gardener Class— April 25th, 9:30am –12pm at the Miller Community and Recreation Center. Learn the basics needed to successfully grow fresh organic vegetables in a community garden plot. Topics will include deciding what to grow, preparing garden beds, choosing seeds and transplants, weeding, mulching, and harvesting. Taught by Jim Flint, Executive Director of Friends of Burlington Gardens. *To register for this class please call Burlington Parks and Recreation at 864-0123 or register online at www.enjoyburlington.com \$10/\$20 (non-resident)*

The Community Teaching Garden—offered through Friends of Burlington Gardens (FBG), is a program designed to help beginning gardeners learn how to garden organically. The 20-week hands-on program runs from mid May to late September. Participants learn how to garden organically in individual raised beds and also make a volunteer commitment to use their gardening skills in service to the community. *Applications for the CTG Class of 2009 are available from FBG at www.burlingtongardens.org or call the office at 802.861.4769*

Gardener's Supply Company—Bringing you a diverse course selection, covering a variety of topics from seeds and soil to garden design and organic lawn care. Pre-registration with Gardener's Supply Company is required. *For more information check out their website at www.gardeners.com/seminars-and-events.*

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Gardener Agreement

I agree to learn and follow site guidelines and maintain a spirit of cooperation with my fellow gardeners and volunteer site coordinators. I agree to begin working in my plot by **May 24th** or forfeit it to someone on the waiting list. **I agree to weed and maintain my plot throughout the summer.** I agree to participate in at least 2 community work day projects. I will completely clean up my plot by **removing all material INCLUDING COLD WEATHER CROPS prior to the Community Work Day at my site.** I understand that if I do leave vegetables in my plot that they will be harvested by volunteers and donated to the Food shelf. By signing below, I take full responsibility as a BACG gardener.

Signed _____ Date _____

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**Please read and complete entire registration form
(please print legibly)**

Gardener 1.

Check here if information is new.

Name of adult gardener or parent/guardians of youth gardeners. (List each adult gardener separately only if contact information is different.)

Name(s) of youth gardener(s) _____

E-mail _____

Used for Parks and Recreation Communication Only

Email is a great way for your volunteer site coordinator to contact you and stay abreast on the latest gardening news.

Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone# _____ Returning Gardener _____ New Gardener _____

Gardener 2.

Name _____ E-mail _____

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Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Returning Gardener _____ New Gardener _____ Phone# _____

Garden Site Location Choice

Please indicate first choice of site: _____

(returning gardeners, please specify area, i.e. Area 6 or North Area)

New gardeners, please indicate second choice of site: _____

If available, are you interested in a Natural No-till site? no yes

(This would be a garden plot that does not get tilled by the tractor but these plots have extended seasons.)

Special needs, comments or request for site placement _____

(over, please)

For Office Use Only

Name:

Site:

Date:



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COMMUNITY WORK DAYS

Each gardener is required to sign up and participate in **at least 2** Community Work Days or make alternate arrangements with your site coordinator. Community Work Days are held on Saturdays.

The following sites will have only 2 mandatory work days: **Wheelock, Rockpoint, Lakeview, Champlain, Baird Park, The New Discovery Garden and Medical Center**

Gardener 1: _____ May 2 _____ October 10 (Rockpoint) _____ October 17 _____ Alternative

Gardener 2: _____ May 2 _____ October 10 (Rockpoint) _____ October 17 _____ Alternative

Starr Farm, Tommy Thompson and Winooski Valley Park will offer 3 workdays of which 2 are mandatory.

Gardener 1: _____ May 2 _____ June 20 _____ October 10 _____ October 24 (Tommy Thompson) _____ Alternative

Gardener 2: _____ May 2 _____ June 20 _____ October 10 _____ October 24 (Tommy Thompson) _____ Alternative

New this year—Gardeners will be required to sign-in at the community work days.

C. Reed Garden Scholarship Information Limited income households may stop by the Chittenden Community Action Office at 191 North Street or call 863-6248 for guidelines on the BACG Reed Garden Scholarship Fund. Scholarships provide 50% of the plot fee for **1 (one)** full, half, or ****Novice/Family Friendly** per eligible household. The scholarship fund is raised through gardener donations below. Plants and seeds are also available via Community Action.

MULCH-Hay Bales	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	COST	AMOUNT
Gardeners can order hay through BACG and have it delivered to the garden site in late May/early June. Using mulch conserves water, adds organic matter to the soil, and reduces weeding. Don't let those weeds catch you in July and August! BACG recommends 4-5 bales of hay for a full plot, 2-3 bales per half plot, and 1-2 bales per youth plot. <i>BACG is not responsible for lost or stolen hay after it is delivered to the site.</i>	FULL PLOT	_____	\$55.00	\$ _____
	HALF PLOT	_____	\$37.00	\$ _____
	Novice/Family Friendly	_____	\$20.00	\$ _____
	HAY BALES	_____	\$4.25	\$ _____
	NON-BURLINGTON	_____	\$5.00	\$ _____
	SCHOLARSHIP DONATION (tax deductible)			
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED				\$ _____

Volunteering—Giving Back to the Garden

Are you interested in supporting your community garden site? BACG has many opportunities for gardeners to become involved. Volunteer to be a site coordinator and lead a community work day or join the Spring Potluck Committee to raise money for the scholarship fund by soliciting donations for the silent auction. Gardeners are also encouraged to attend and become involved on the Advisory Board which helps shape policy and coordinators educational and social events. Interested gardeners should mark below and will be contacted with further information.

- Garden Mentor** **Site Coordinator**
 Advisory Board Member **Spring Potluck Committee**

**Please complete the registration form, sign the gardening agreement, and mail with check to:
 BACG Burlington Parks & Recreation, 645 Pine Street, Suite B, Burlington, Vermont 05401**

Gardens are non-refundable and cannot be reserved without payment.

Questions or information? Call the BACG office at 863-0420 or www.enjoyburlington.com

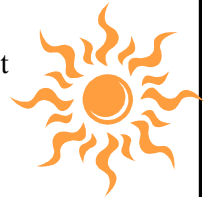


2009 BACG Calendar

Important Reminders and Special Dates

Spring

- **March 20**—Registration deadline for returning gardeners to guarantee same plot from last previous season. Send your registration form early.
- **March 21**—**Minimizing Produce Pilfering: strategies for community gardeners** Presented by: Jim Flint, Friends of Burlington Gardens 10am-12pm at the Miller Community and Recreation Center **Free**
- **March 25th**—Volunteer Site Coordinators meeting at 5:30pm at Pine Street.
- **March 31**—**Confirmation Packets will be mailed out as they are completed.**
- **April 4**—**BACG ANNUAL SPRING POTSLOCK** at the Miller Community and Recreation Center, 6:00-8:00 pm
- **April 11**—**Community Gardening 101**—9:30am and 11am at 645 Pine Street
- **March 18th**—**Compost Alive Workshop**, pre-registration required, at the Miller Community and Recreation Center, 9:30am-11:30am
- **April 25**—**Beginners Gardening Class** offered at the Miller Community and Recreation Center from 9:30am—12pm. Sign up through Parks and Recreation at www.enjoyburlington.com
- **Mid April**—Gardeners will be contacted by volunteers with information on plot placement.
- **Late April -Mid May**—Spring tilling begins. A volunteer will call when your garden site has been staked out. Get ready to rake off your plot and begin planting spring crops like spinach, peas, lettuce, carrots and beets.
- **May 2**—**COMMUNITY WORK DAY**—at each garden site, gardeners will work together on projects to get the site ready for summer. Most activities will take place in the morning hours. Each site is different.
- **May 24**—**DEADLINE FOR CLAIMING YOUR PLOT.** Be sure to rake or hoe the weeds in your plot and begin planting. Gardeners that do not contact their volunteer site coordinators will lose their plot to someone on the waitlist. It's much easier to hoe weeds when they are small, and BACG wants you to be successful.



Summer

- **June**—**STAY ON TOP OF THOSE WEEDS.** Allow the soil to warm up before laying down mulch.
- **June 20**—**COMMUNITY WORK DAY**—at Tommy Thompson, Winooski Valley Park and Starr Farm garden sites, gardeners will work together on projects maintaining and improving the site.
- **July-August**—Going on vacation, ask a friend or neighbor to look after your garden. Don't let your vegetables get taken over by weeds or destroyed by lack of water. Remember zucchini and cucumbers can turn into baseball bats over night.
REPORT ALL ABANDONED PLOTS TO YOUR VOLUNTEER SITE COORDINATOR.
- **August**—**PLANT A ROW FOR THE HUNGRY**—Donate surplus harvest to your local food shelf or favorite organization. Remember only donate quality produce that you would eat.

Fall

- **Mid-September**—Frost is coming soon and it's time to start your final garden harvest and cleanup. Pull out non-productive plants and place in compost piles at your site. Start removing fences, stakes, cages and strings. **REMEMBER THAT YOU MUST LEAVE YOUR PLOT AS YOU FOUND IT.**
 - **October 10**—Rock Point, Winooski Valley, New Discovery and Starr Farm Final Community Work Day
 - **October 17**—Wheelock, Baird, Medical Center, Champlain Final Community Work Day
 - **October 24**—Tommy Thompson, Myrtle Street and Lakeview Final Community Work Day
- ANYTHING LEFT IN THE GARDEN AFTER THE FINAL COMMUNITY WORK DAY WILL BE CONSIDERED ABANDONED.** Perennial and cold weather plants are not permitted to remain within annual garden plots.





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Burlington, Vermont 05401
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802.864.0123
TTY# 802.863.0450

TIME SENSITIVE MATERIAL

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*Returning gardeners—be sure to sign up by March 20. Plot
assignments for new gardeners begins March 23.*

Garden Questions—Visit the UVM Master Gardener website for great tips on gardening, composting and even becoming a Master Gardener.
www.uvm.edu/mastergardener or call the hotline at
1-800-639-2230

Other Community Gardens—Check out the American Community Gardening Association at
www.communitygarden.org
This website has some wonderful resources, BACG is a current member.

Burlington Parks and Recreation—
www.enjoyburlington.com

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