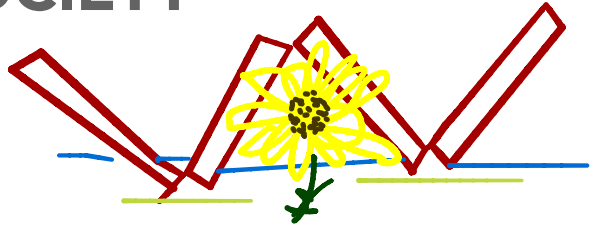


NEW WESTMINSTER COMMUNITY GARDENING SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



LATE SUMMER TIPS

Start seeds that will give you autumn & winter crops, like:

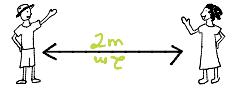
- arugula
- kale
- chives
- radish
- turnips & more!

Plan your winter and spring garden to get a head start.

August/September 2020 Edition

COVID-19 UPDATE

As the COVID-19 pandemic progresses we thank our gardeners for their cooperation and continue to ask members to follow all guidelines previously set forth.



While using the gardens:

- Stay home if you are unwell.
- Maintain 2m distance at all times, this means if someone is gardening do not walk, stand, garden, or pass by within 2m of them. There have been instances at the gardens where social distancing measures have not been followed.
- Wear gloves while gardening.
- Wash your hands before & after using the gardens.
- No visitors and keep groups to a maximum of 2 people at a time.

If you do not feel safe using the gardens, please reach out to your garden coordinator or to nwcommunitygardens@gmail.com and ask for a "Please Water Me" sign to be put up at your plot.

Please continue to check emails, garden sheds, Facebook, and our website for updates on the COVID-19 precautions as the situation develops.



GARDEN ANNOUNCEMENTS



Happy August all and happy tomato month!

As mentioned before, we have had a pest control team on site for the last few months to try to deal with the rats. The team has informed me that twice now their bait stations have gone missing from Simcoe Garden. If anyone has any information about the missing bait stations, please let me know.

There is a cell phone in the shed at Simcoe that has been there for weeks now. For photos, please send an email to simcoecommunitygarden@gmail.com

Please continue to put a rag over the faucets to minimize over spray as much as possible. The shed has been left unlocked a handful of times. Please try to remember to lock it up before you leave. A reminder to pick up any veggies that have fallen off your plants to help keep the rats away.

Thanks and happy gardening!



City Hall garden is have a good season with our humongous sunflowers you can see all the way down Royal Ave! Close behind the sunflowers are the Hollyhocks that the bees are also loving. Unfortunately we also have some rat visitors, so please remember to thoroughly wash any of your harvest before eating. Additionally don't forget to pick your ripe veggies - especially tomatoes - as these can attract rats and other pests.

Did you know, green tomatoes can be picked early, and set in a sunny window at home to turn red, so you get them before the rats do!

I know many of us are missing the yearly soil delivery (cancelled due to the pandemic) but fingers crossed next March will allow for some socially distant re-filling of our plots!



St. Mary's is having a great season!

The donation plots have been incredibly successful under the direction of our coordinator Ryan. Beans and cucumbers are now flourishing on the new structure built by our volunteers and the garden has been able to provide local families with fresh food donations on a weekly basis. Unfortunately there have been a few veggie thefts and our information sign has gone missing so a reminder to visit your plot on a weekly basis to harvest your crop and dissuade pickers.

YOUR NWCGRS

Have a photo you want to share? Have an experience you want others to know about? Have a question?

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HAPPY
GARDENING!

