

Dear Gardeners, Friends and those on the waiting list!

Well, the cooler weather is here, and the summer seems to have just slipped away, with barely saying "Good Bye".

This will be our third year as a community group, and the third time to do the fall clean up. The first year at our fall clean up event, we were pelted with hail stones every half hour! The second year, it was a really warm day.. we wore our tee shirts. (in the following days the temperature dropped and by the end of that week we were wearing our coats!) What will happen this year? It is always a surprise!

Watch the weather... If the temperature is expected to drop to zero, or even just 1 or 2 degrees Celsius, then there will be **frost in the garden**. The temperature in the garden is a bit lower than around the homes. **What frost means:** a mild frost will kill a few leaves on your plants including the Swiss chard, a hard frost will destroy the plants including the "fruit" e.g.. tomatoes and egg plants and beans. If you have any harvest left, make sure to gather it before the frost hits. Please let me know if you don't know what to do with your green tomatoes.

The dates for the fall clean up this year will be:

Friday and Saturday Oct. 17 &18

and 24 & 25

On the **Fridays**, the tent will be set up **from 3pm, till 6** or when people are ready to leave.

On the **Saturdays**, The tent will be set up by **10am, and will stay up for a few hours** depending on the weather and how long people want to stay, or want to come in the afternoon.

I would like every one to participate for at least one of these days, as well as coming on your own to clean your own plot.

You can help and participate just by coming and working on your own plot, or helping with the Sharing Garden. There is also work to be done on the common areas, and helping those with health problems. If you can't come on those days then you can participate by dropping off a package of yard-waste bags, or you can drop off some snacks for the workers.

This will not be a public event, but you are welcome to bring your family and friends. We will be setting up the tent, and having a table for tea, coffee and snacks.

Please reply with the day/dates you would like to come, or if you will be dropping off something.

Registration. This year, I will be starting a new program, and I am asking all gardeners to register now for next year. I will be taking names until Nov 15. If I haven't heard from you by then, I will assume that you are not interested in coming back. So, please let me know if you plan on coming back next year. If you have decided not to come back, please let me know the reason why, especially if there is something I can do to improve the way I am coordinating the garden.

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