



PHILADELPHIA PARKS & RECREATION

Notice for Community Gardeners

The City of Philadelphia is monitoring the COVID-19 coronavirus epidemic closely and working with public health officials to reduce its spread. The City urges residents to practice good health habits, stay home when you or a member of your household is sick, keep a safe social distance, and take other precautions to protect yourself and others from the virus.

For the time being, Philadelphia Parks & Recreation (PPR) is asking all community gardeners to exercise an abundance of caution if they choose to visit a PPR community garden and to follow these guidelines to minimize the chance of virus spread:

- Be mindful of frequently touched spots such as locks and gates, water spigots, hoses, latches and knobs on sheds, shared tools and work spaces, etc. Wear gloves and disinfect these high-touch spots after each use.
 - Clean first to remove germs and dirt.
 - Disinfect using an EPA-registered disinfectant that is appropriate for the surface. Follow the directions on the label. Examples of appropriate disinfectants can be found at bit.ly/EPAproducts. Read product labels and be sure to use cleaning products safely and correctly. Follow any instructions on the product, like wearing gloves.
- Have hand sanitizer and soap readily available in the garden.
- Maintain a social distance of six feet from others at the garden.
- Implement shifts in the garden, with fewer than 1-5 people in the space at a time.
- Do not hold social gatherings or group workdays at the garden.
- Thoroughly wash all produce you harvest from the garden.
- Please do not hold any in-person meetings. If necessary, shift to a conference call or online meeting such as Zoom.

Please stay safe and healthy, and let's work together to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

COVID-19 Resources

- Text COVIDPHL to 888-777 to receive updates on your phone.
- Visit phila.gov/covid-19 for updates.
- Call the 24/7 Greater Philadelphia Coronavirus Helpline to speak with a healthcare professional: 1-800-722-7112.