

Community garden recommendations

Community gardens are important to our community

Community gardens are important to us, and there are steps that can be taken to try to continue these community growing spaces in the time of COVID-19.

General guidelines can be adapted to local situations

- People who are sick need to stay home.
 - Symptoms include a fever, coughing, and shortness of breath.
- Do not hold any meetings, social gatherings or group workdays with more than 10 people. Always make sure everyone can have a 6-foot radius around them while in the garden.
- Think of places on your site where people might gather and think of ways to encourage them to spread out (6-foot radius for everyone).
- Communicate your expectations with your gardeners to ensure everyone understands what needs to happen.

Make physical distancing is possible

- If possible, stagger times in which people will be gardening to limit contact between people. If several people are gardening, come back later.
- Use markers or create lines with stakes and tape to help people flow in and out of the garden and maintain 6 feet apart while working.
- Have a garden manager or gardener present to monitor the garden and remind people to remain at least 6 feet apart.

Cleaning and disinfection

Provide handwashing stations if possible and ask gardeners to wash their hands before entering the garden and as they leave the garden. Do not share gloves.

Thoroughly clean shared items and surfaces before and after use using a bleach solution or warm soapy water, including reusable bins and buckets, shared tools, locks, gates, water spigots, hoses, railings, doorknobs and latches on sheds, tables, etc.

- If you can't use bleach, please see the [alternate disinfection guide](#) by the Minneapolis Health Department

For gloves or other clothing items worn in the garden that need to be laundered, don't shake laundry and wash items as appropriate in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions using the warmest water possible. Dry items completely.

- Dirty laundry that has been in contact with a sick person can be washed with other people's items.

And as always, take care

Enjoy mindful gardening and spending time outdoors. Stay socially connected with your fellow gardeners even though you are physically apart.

Stay informed

For more information about the City's response to COVID-19, visit [minneapolismn.gov/coronavirus](https://www.minneapolismn.gov/coronavirus). This webpage is updated frequently with new information. For health questions, please email COVID19@minneapolismn.gov or call 612-673-2301. For community gardening questions, please email Claire.Baglien@minneapolismn.gov or call 612-673-2466.