



National Volunteer Week

Opportunities April 10-16, 2016

It's time for spring cleaning in the gardens!

Help Growing Places tackle our spring projects in community gardens in Leominster, Fitchburg and Clinton so we can start our growing season off right!

Below, find descriptions of each project planned, the numbers of volunteers needed, locations and dates. If you are interested in a project, please send us your/your group's interest and availability during the week of **April 10-16th**.

With interest or questions, contact:

Janet O'Brien

Director of Program Operations, Growing Places

p/f: (978) 598-3723 x802

email: janet@growingplaces.org.

PROJECT: Community Garden Expansion - Clinton

LOCATION: Maybarton Community Garden

DATE: SUNDAY, April 10th, 9AM – 3PM

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: 15 people each session (AM & PM)

DESCRIPTION: The Maybarton Community Garden is growing and needs 10 new beds to accommodate the demand from the community. Help us prepare the garden for the season by:

- building and placing 15 raised bed garden frames (*AM session*)
- filling the beds with a layer of weed-blocking newspaper, soil and amendments (*AM session*)
- spreading mulch in the garden aisles and in the orchard (*PM session*)
- and installing two compost bins (*PM session*)

This project will be broken down into two sessions, a morning and an early afternoon session with lunch in between. We can utilize up to 15 people during each session and time the day to suit your schedule.

PROJECT: Community Garden Installation - Fitchburg

LOCATION: Cleghorn Community Garden

DATE: TUESDAY, April 12, 9AM-3:30PM

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: 15-20 people each session (AM & PM)

DESCRIPTION: The Cleghorn Community Garden is moving! Help us shift the existing beds from the current corner lot to the large fenced-in field behind Saint Joseph's rectory. We'll have the help of the church maintenance equipment (front end loader!!), but we need human hands to:

- build 15 raised bed garden frames (*AM session*)
- place and fill the frames with a layer of weed-blocking newspaper and soil (*AM session*)
- complete the morning's frame building / installing work (*PM session*)
- plant two apple trees (*PM session*)

This project is a large one and we can utilize up to 20 people during the morning session and 15 during the afternoon session.

PROJECT: Community Garden Spring Cleaning - Leominster

LOCATION: Pierce Meadow Community Garden

DATE: WEDNESDAY, April 13, 9AM – 2PM

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: 10-15 people each session (AM & PM)

DESCRIPTION: Help us kick off the spring growing season by sprucing up the Pierce Meadow Community Garden by:

- building 3 raised bed garden frames (*AM session*)
- adding soil and soil amendments (*AM session*)
- applying a thick layer of mulch to the garden aisles to discourage weed growth (*PM session*)
- and turning over the compost piles to encourage quicker decomposition (*AM and/or PM session*)

This project is broken down into two sessions: typically a morning and early afternoon session with lunch break in between. We can utilize up to 15 volunteers during each session and time the day to suit your schedule.

PROJECT: Community Garden Clean Up - Fitchburg

LOCATION: Prichard St. Community Garden

DATE: THURSDAY, April 14, 2:30-4PM

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: 5-8 people

DESCRIPTION: Help us kick off the spring growing season by sprucing up the Prichard St. Community Garden by:

- pulling weeds from the garden beds and aisles
- turning the compost to speed decomposition
- painting the trunks of the peach trees to discourage pests
- fertilizing the peach trees

We can utilize up to 8 volunteers for this project. Pizza will be provided!

PROJECT: Community Garden Expansion - Fitchburg

LOCATION: Sundial Community Garden and Orchard

DATE: SATURDAY, April 16th, 9AM – 2PM

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: 10-15 people each session (AM & PM)

DESCRIPTION: The Sundial Community Garden is growing and needs 7 new beds to accommodate the demand from the community. Help us prepare the garden for the season by:

- building and placing 7 raised bed garden frames (*AM session*)
- filling the beds with a layer of weed-blocking newspaper and soil (*AM session*)
- spreading mulch in the garden aisles (*AM session*)
- turning over the compost piles to encourage quicker decomposition (*PM session*)
- repositioning the pear trees in the orchard (*PM session*)
- painting the pear tree trunks to discourage pests (*PM session*)
- fertilizing the pear trees

This project will be broken down into two sessions, a morning and an early afternoon session with lunch in between. We can utilize up to 15 people during each session and time the day to suit your schedule.

PROJECT: Community Garden Clean Up - Clinton

LOCATION: Clinton Community Garden

DATE: TBD

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: 15 people

DESCRIPTION: Help us kick off the spring growing season by sprucing up the Clinton Community Garden by:

- repainting the garden sign
- pulling weeds from the garden beds and aisles
- mending the garden fence and gate
- assembling the compost bin

We can utilize up to 15 volunteers during each session and time the day to suit your schedule. Pizza will be provided!