



Greenhouse and Garden Schedule for Volunteers
Open Daily, Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2015 – Saturday, Nov. 7, 2015
9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Tender Plants' Winter Storage

- Dig-up the Angel Trumpets (Fr. Jim's Insect Garden) and dig up and dry the Cana Lilies and bring to greenhouse storage room
- Move all potted plants from around the picnic table area to the greenhouse storage room
- Cut-off, dig-up and divide/pot Lemon Grass from Culinary Herb Bed and bring to Greenhouse's storage room

Vegetable Garden –Winter Preparation

Tomato and Corn Beds + Swiss Chard, Chives and Garlic

- Rototill Joe A's bed, upper tomato beds and upper corn bed (mix in mushroom mulch)
- Move swiss chard, chives, and herbs to the top of the garden in the rows near the kale
- Swiss Chard - dig a long trench or two (the current crop of Swiss Chard is pretty robust and could be spaced a bit more to make two rows, with two trenches, each about a foot or foot and a half deep and about three feet apart) at the top of the garden to form the Swiss Chard row(s), adding mushroom mulch to the bottom of the trench, then the chard plants should be carefully lifted and immediately replanted (about two feet apart) and mounded in the trench(es) with mushroom mulch and watered thoroughly
- Chives are not nearly as transplant-sensitive and can be easily and roughly dug up, divided and replanted right below the swiss chard
- Plant hard neck and soft neck garlic by mid-November right below swiss chard, chives, and kale
- Plant the garlic that has been drying in the greenhouse; additional garlic may be used for an extra row or two,
- Spread hay/straw on top of amended soiled around the swiss chard, chives and garlic

Asparagus Bed (top of the main vegetable garden)

- Once the asparagus greenery has faded, the asparagus should be cut down to a couple of inches above the ground
- After it has been cut back, a few feet of loose straw should be applied, followed by lots of mushroom mulch (at least several wheelbarrows-full)

Soil Amendment

- Move sand pile via wheel barrel and distribute evenly in Main Vegetable bed
- Move mushroom mulch via wheel barrel and distribute evenly in Main Vegetable bed
- Till soil either via tractor (pro bono) or roto tiller (set to deepest)
- Spread hay/straw on top of amended soiled around the remaining portion of the Main Vegetable Garden

Compost

- Remove amaranth and sunflower seed heads before shredding
- Run chipper/shredder to grind up the corn, sunflower stalks, amaranths' stalks and green mulch
- Layer mulch on top of Main Vegetable bed
- Ask Level Green to add ground-up leaf and pine needles mulch
- Compost bins – soak compost soil with water and cover with black vegetable felt (to heat weed seeds)

Herb Gardens

- Weeding in the formal gardens in front of the friary and culinary herb garden in Fr. Francis' Garden (especially parsley and rosemary)
- In Fr. Francis' Garden: Pull the old, dead dill plants: leave the seedling behind, but feel free to thin; basil can be pulled soon
- Pot up the bay laurel and bring it inside the greenhouse for winter
- Replace the bay with something attractive (mums, boxwood, pansies, even magnolia cut from the greenhouse)
- Deadhead the calendula, horehound, soapwort and garlic chives
- Cut dead tansy stalks to the ground, cut out dead sage and remove leaves from gravel (spray with hose first)
- Cut old basil plant to the ground and cover spot with potted pineapple mint
- Dig up and pot betony that is spreading in the medicinal garden
- Plant thyme and oregano
- Plant larkspur and money plant seeds
- Transplant tansy and medicinal herbs (comfrey, valerian) planted in prepared beds (above the marigolds)

Perennial Garden

- Weeding throughout Perennial Garden
- Plant tulip bulbs in Perennial Garden

Rose Garden

- Weeding in the Fr. Francis' Rose Garden
- Prune out deadwood for all roses in Fr. Francis' Rose Garden

Water

- Turn-off water valve in greenhouse for six outdoor water spigots in Fr. Francis' garden
- Remove hoses on all spigots except for lowest spigot in the main vegetable garden
- Extend the hose of the lowest spigot in the main vegetable garden
- Open all spigots to drain all water (the lowest spigot will act as a syphon to drain remaining water out of the system)
- Remove hose from lowest spigot
- Turn off all spigots and bring all hoses to greenhouse for winter storage

Miscellaneous

- Mowing
- Wash the Rosary Portico Shrine's green marble shelves with water