

# Community Gardens

## Planning a Community Garden

There are many factors to consider before starting a community garden. Your decisions should be based on the size and scope of your project. The American Community Gardens Association is a good resource to guide you through the process. Their website, [www.communitygarden.org](http://www.communitygarden.org) contains guidelines on the following topics:

1. Form a Planning Committee
2. Choose a Site
3. Prepare and Develop the Site
4. Organize the Garden (plot size, layout, membership)
5. Insurance (landowners may require liability insurance)
6. Setting up a New Gardening Organization (garden purpose, objectives, by-laws)
7. How to Manage Your Community Garden (applications, guidelines, rules)
8. Troubleshooting (deterring vandalism)

## Gardening Information

The University of Arizona and the Yavapai County Cooperative Extension provide gardening information specific to Arizona and Yavapai County, respectively.

The following bulletins may be accessed from the Yavapai County Cooperative Extension website:

<http://extension.arizona.edu/yavapai/home-horticulture-program>

## Calendars

- Fruit Calendar for Yavapai County (Fruit Trees, Brambles, Grapes)
- Landscape Calendar: Prescott, Prescott Valley, Chino Valley
- Landscape Calendar: Sedona, Cottonwood, and the Verde Valley
- Yavapai County Vegetable Planting Dates

## Soil / Nutrients

- Composting Made Simple
- Fertilizing Home Gardens in Arizona

## Irrigation

- Drip Irrigation – The Basics
- Using Gray Water at Home

## Plants

- Asparagus in Home Gardens
- Growing Grapes at Home
- Growing Herbs
- Growing Sweet Corn in Arizona
- Growing Tomatoes Above 6000 Foot Elevations in Arizona

## General Gardening

- Annual and Perennial Flower Gardens Above 4,500 Feet
- AZ Master Gardener Manual: Vegetable Planting Guide
- Backyard Cane Fruit Production at Elevations 4000 to 6000 Feet
- Backyard Fruit Production at Elevations 3500 to 6000 Feet
- Edible Flowers
- Frost Protection
- Harvest Clues for Garden Vegetables
- Ten Steps to a Successful Vegetable Garden
- Vegetable Varieties for Arizona
- Yavapai County Hardiness, Heat, and Climate Zones

## Problem Management

- Biological Control Resources
- Coddling Moth
- Common Fruit Tree Pests
- Common Tomato Disorders Under Desert Conditions
- Cultural Guidelines and Pest Management Recommendations for Cole Crops in Arizona
- Disease and Insect Problems of Cucurbit Crops in Arizona
- Diseases of Tomatoes and Peppers in Arizona
- Flower and Fruit Drop
- Guide to Symptoms of Plant Nutrient Deficiencies
- Vegetable Garden Pest Control



July 22, 2012

<http://extension.arizona.edu/yavapai>