



UpGarden Giving Garden Programs

Gardening is FUN! Gardening with a group of people is GREAT! The UpGarden Giving Garden invites you to join in the fun and participate in various activities throughout the year. There are no minimum commitments with the Giving Garden; we just look forward to seeing you when you can donate your time and/or your organic produce from your garden. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet people while accumulating your eight hours of P-Patch volunteer time.

There are many ways to participate with the UpGarden Giving Garden:

- Volunteer
- Leadership
- Grow a Row
- Gleaning Program
- Donating Produce

VOLUNTEER

We are always looking for volunteers to assist in many activities at both the main Giving Garden and the upper Common Bed Giving Garden. Keep your eyes and ears out for:

- **Work Parties:** We schedule most work parties to help plant and harvest during the busy growing season. We also host additional work parties to prepare the soil for different seasons, to install drip line systems and more! This is a great opportunity to learn more about organic gardening while meeting many new people.
- **Watering Assistance:** We may need occasional volunteers to water the Giving Gardens during especially hot days or during seedling growth periods.
- **Fundraising Events:** The UpGarden is an amazing venue for fundraising and events. In the upcoming months, there will be opportunities to help at on-site events, as well as supporting our fundraising efforts for the entire garden.

LEADERSHIP

Our team could use you – as a leader or as a team ambassador! Contact us at GivingGarden@UpGarden.org for open Giving Garden leadership roles.

GROW A ROW

Many gardeners love to “grow an extra row for the hungry. The process is simple if you would like to dedicate an area of your personal plot to grow a row(s) for the Giving Garden:

- 1) Contact us at GivingGarden@UpGarden.org with information about the area you have dedicated to the Giving Garden. We will work with you on the produce types needed, planting support and more.
- 2) Plant produce based on the Giving Garden needs. The Giving Garden may have seed and/or volunteers to assist you.

- 3) Receive a “grow a Row” sign for placement in your garden. This sign shows your neighbors that you are supporting the community by growing produce for those in need.
- 4) Tend to your row(s), as you would your garden.
- 5) When the produce is ready for harvesting you can either:
 - Pick and donate the produce by dropping the produce in the donation area on certain dates (see Donations below), or
 - Email Donations@UpGarden.org to request the Giving Garden to glean your row and we will harvest for you (see Gleaning Program below).

GLEANING PROGRAM – We Will Harvest for You

For those gardeners that want to donate food, the gleaning program may be the right fit for you! Gleaning refers to the practice of harvesting produce from P-Patch plots, with the gardener’s permission. The point is to encourage all gardeners to donate produce and to prevent good food from going to waste.

Different P-Patches have different policies. At the UpGarden, we ask gardeners to follow these simple steps:

- 1) **Rule #1:** We will never harvest produce from anyone’s plot without explicit permission.
- 2) Place a brightly painted “YES!” gleaning stick in their plot beside the crop they want gleaned. The gleaning sticks are located in the Trailer, in the Giving Garden area.
- 3) Email Donatons@UpGarden.org specifying exactly what to take (e.g. half the chard, every other romaine, the specially marked row of beans, all the zucchini that mature while I’m on vacation, etc.).
- 4) The Giving Garden will harvest your specified produce on dedicated harvest days: SUNDAY, WEDNESDAY. We pick-up donations from the trailer for delivery every Monday and Thursday at Noon.

DONATE PRODUCE – You Will Harvest Your Garden

Many UpGardeners like to donate produce from their own plots. That is WONDERFUL and highly encouraged. The 2013 donation goal is 1,000 pounds and we could use the help!

If a gardener would like to donate their produce, simply follow these steps:

1. Plan to harvest your donation produce timed around our donation pick-up days: every Monday and Thursday at Noon.
2. Bag donation produce and weight the contents. The scale is located in the Giving Garden area.
3. Place the donation produce in a black donation bin, located in the Giving Garden area.
4. Log your donation produce, by type (if many) on the Donation Log Sheet located on the clip board in the Giving Garden area.

Please email Donations@UpGarden.org with any special requests.

GIVING GARDEN LEADERSHIP TEAM

- Lead: Anna Loewin
- **Grow Lead: Are you interested?**
- **Harvest Lead: Do you know anyone interested?**
- Donate Lead: Leslie Luginbill
- Common Bed Giving Garden: Bonnie Hedman
- Communications: Marilyn Roy