



LPC COVID-19 Guidelines for Safe Community Gardening

1. General Notes and Guidelines

- a. The virus can live up to 2 -3 days outside the body. This is a good parameter we used when making our decision.
- b. Soap, alcohol and bleach are the best agents to kill the virus. Soap is VERY effective.
 - i. Consider carrying a zip lock bag with very soapy water and a washcloth inside it with you at all times. Makes hand washing very easy anywhere you are.
- c. Gloves do not replace proper sanitation procedures. The outside of your glove can transmit diseases from one surface to another, including transmitting the disease to yourself and others.
- d. Bring sanitizing wipes and be prepared to wipe down anything that you touched that someone else might also touch.
- e. Do not assume anyone else has followed these guidelines.
- f. Be proactive, bring your own sanitizing wipes and use them.
- g. Guidelines will be posted in the garden as a reminder.

2. Tools

- a. We will remove all the 'community' shared tools for the time being.
- b. No tools will be left in the garden, including weeding bucket, the wheelbarrow and trash cans.
- c. Gardeners need to bring and use their own tools, including watering can, weed removal container (buckets/trash bags). Remove your trash and weeds to the dumpster behind the church.
- d. Compost bins will still be used.
- e. Gardeners need to take their tools home, wipe down the rain barrel nozzles and gate with sanitizing wipes when they are done for the day.

3. The rain barrels will be available to water your garden plot

- a. Bring sanitizing wipes and wipe down what you touch.
- b. Thoroughly wipe down the hose nozzle BEFORE AND AFTER USE. (Remember, assume the last person did not do it!)

4. Social Distancing and other procedures

- a. Maintain at least 6' between yourself and other gardeners.
- b. Cough or sneeze into your sleeve or a tissue that fully and tightly covers your mouth.
 - i. Dispose of the tissue immediately in a bag that you take with you. Wash your hands.

ii. If using your sleeve, remember that it is now carrying whatever came out of your mouth or nose, including germs. Assume those germs are alive and can live for up to 2 days. Take care bringing that sleeve into contact with anyone or anything that someone might touch afterwards. Remove and contain or wash clothing when returning home.

C. We will implement a Planned Garden Work Schedule by breaking up our gardeners into three groups. Then having each group come one day a week (a Monday Group, Wednesday Group, and a Friday group) would give time between each group for the virus to die off. Now more than ever Community is important. We just need to be a tight knit community at a social distance. You will be contacted for your preferred work day.