

Daisy Chain Garden Collective

Hello ! Thank you for your interest in working with me to start an edible home garden. I'm deeply grateful for your willingness to embark on this new journey with me— to grow your food, transform your outdoor space, and ultimately contribute to building a better world. Attached is a document that provides more context of what the Daisy Chain Garden Collective could look like and outlines the services I plan to offer. Consider this a little appetizer! I hope it sparks your curiosity in planning your garden and helps you determine whether this would be a valuable service for your household. If you choose to move forward, we will schedule a consultation to create a personalized plan for your space. I have a rich knowledge of establishing and maintaining gardens, and a passion for growing food. I'm excited about the possibility of working together!

Sincerely,

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Goals

- Help grow food for individuals, restaurants, and families on their property
- Teach others how to grow food and build a more hyper-local, resilient food system
- Inspire land stewardship and environmental awareness in the community
- Inspire resistance to the corporate food systems that deplete the land and health of our communities
- Build a community around the work we do. Create an interconnected network of gardens and knowledge/skill-sharing

Values

- Land stewardship: make responsible decisions that improve the health of the soil and benefit the local ecosystem
- Organic growing practices
- Use what already exists in the natural landscape/on the property and be creative with resources on hand
- Provide equitable access to services
- Share knowledge: Creating a business model that includes education
- Aesthetically pleasing work- build gardens that look good and stand the test of time

What services do I offer?

- Edible garden consultation and design
- Crop planning
- Raised bed construction, simple fence installation
- Soil testing and fertility
- Plant start and seed supply
- Pest and disease management
- Integrated pest management
- Korean natural farming practices (pro-active garden health)
- Lawn to garden conversion (tarping, occultation/solarization)
- Community garden management and consultation
- Group garden workshops
- Weekly garden maintenance: weeding, harvesting, pruning, irrigating
- Garden mentoring
- Compost setup and management
- Irrigation installation and maintenance
- A bi-weekly or monthly newsletter talking about what is happening in your garden

Rates

- \$50-60/hr., depending on type of labor
- Initial Consultation fee: \$35-\$45
- Initial installation cost will vary based on size of garden and materials needed
- Estimates are based on garden square footage and desired crops
- Several different packages for different garden types, diets, timelines. i.e. “cut flower garden”, “salsa garden”, “greens garden”, “summer crops garden”, etc.

Materials and garden design options

- Native soil will be assessed which will influence the decision to build raised beds or not
- Native soil can always be amended with compost and necessary nutrients to make it fertile for growing
- Using the native soil will allow for more traditional landscape design aesthetics, while a raised bed garden will be a more rigid design based on rectangular shapes.
- For raised beds, the client will have options of using either untreated, pressure treated, cedar, or salvaged lumber
- All beds will be uniform in construction
- Raised bed sizes will depend on the space and wishes of the client
- Trellising will need to be installed in most gardens. There are several options to choose from based on the desired aesthetic
- Additional garden infrastructure can be built in order to stretch the growing season into late fall/winter

Schedule

- Services will be offered from April 1st- October 31st
- A rough schedule of harvests will be offered. Plantings and harvests are subject to change based on the ever-changing weather patterns/growing conditions
- Selection of crops will be subject to the limitations of the growing space and based on the desires/needs of the client
- An estimate of expected harvest quantity per sq. ft. should be quantified
- Here is a rough outline of what one could expect to plant or harvest from month to month:

March	Garden is planned and seeds are started
April	Spinach, Lettuces, Asian Greens, Radish, Turnip, Carrots, Onions, Peas are planted
May	Cilantro, dill, parsley, bunching kale, potatoes, new succession of greens, flowers and radish planted. Harvest of spinach, lettuce begins mid-may, radish and turnips soon after.
June	Fruiting crops, (toms, squash, peppers, cucumbers, beans), basil, sweet potatoes, flowers planted. Harvest of peas, turnips, radish, greens, spring onion
July	2nd succession of summer squash, lettuces, herbs, 2nd succession of beans planted. Onions harvested towards the end of month. Fruiting crops start to produce fruit mid-july
August	Storage radish snap peas, cover crop planted. Last succession of greens, herbs, radish, turnip planted. Potato, fruiting crops, greens harvest
September	Overwintered onions planted. More plantings are possible for covered spaces. Fruiting crops are heavily productive. Harvesting nearly everything at this point. It is the most bountiful time of year in the garden !
October	Fruiting crops will continue to produce until mid-October frosts. Greens, other cold weather crops will survive the frosts and harvest of those will continue. Things like Kale, Collard greens, carrots and parsnips can be left outside through several frosts before harvest. (the plants convert their starches to sugars when frozen which results in very sweet produce!)Garlic is planted for the following year
November	Leaf-mulching of garden beds, clean-up and final harvests of veggies. Flower bulbs are planted