



SAFETY GUIDELINES

Gardens - soil, sun, plants, and people - should always be places of health and healing. Therefore, time should be taken to understand safety guidelines in a community garden setting, especially in light of COVID-19. The three most important steps toward keeping yourself and others safe and healthy in the garden are:

1. Teach all gardeners the safety guidelines
2. Teach all gardeners to stay home if they are, or feel, sick
3. Ensure all gardeners wash their hands before and after working in the garden

Gardening Safely

Below we have linked to recommended handouts/printouts in English and en Español from Vermont Community Garden Network. These lay out community garden safety guidelines in an era of COVID-19. This is a great and easy resource to display at the garden and send out to garden volunteers. It is also helpful as a resource when planning garden operations and volunteer involvement in your garden. **READ AND REVIEW THESE GUIDELINES PLEASE!**

In English

https://vcgn.org/vcgn2020/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Gardening-COVID_Flyersize-apr27.pdf

En Español

<https://vcgn.org/vcgn2020/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Gardening-COVID-Espa%C3%B1ol.pdf>

Washing Hands

Another helpful link is to University of Minnesota Extension resources for on-farm/on-garden handwashing: <https://extension.umn.edu/growing-safe-food/farm-handwashing>.

The University of Minnesota link above helps walk you through building a handwashing station for less than \$20 if one does not exist at your garden location.

Garden safely and let's grow hope together!