

Morgan Hill Community Garden— Fall Oversight Information

The next phase of gardening for the year is...

What to Plant for the Fall and Winter

Gardening is “year-round” at the Morgan Hill Community Garden.

Step 1: Clear out old plants that are no longer producing. Cut down the plants and leave the roots in the ground. Clip the cuttings into small pieces and leave them on top of your plot to enrich the soil and discourage weeds from growing in the bare soil.

Step 2: There are two options:

- A. Some gardeners choose to plant and tend vegetable crops throughout the winter. (Yes, even in the rain!!!)
- B. Other gardeners cover their plots with cover crop, like fava beans. Those plants put great nutrients back into the soil when you dig them under into the soil in the Spring. There are some baggies of cover crop seed in the shed that you are welcome to use. We can have a November cover crop class if there is an interest.

Both options require checking in on your garden throughout the winter months to see that the garden appears well-maintained.

To learn more about your options, come to the **garden work day** on **Saturday, October 21**, to help maintain the entire garden and to attend an optional gardening class within the times of the work day.

The work day is a good way to get 2 hours of the required community work time in the Morgan Hill Community Garden. (4 hours are required yearly to be able to maintain a plot at our garden for the following year.)

Your Work Day Ideas: At work days we typically do weeding, spread mulch in the pathways, work the compost, and attend a class from a master gardener. **Other optional work day alternative activities are listed in the Garden Policies, such as maintaining FaceBook, being a Board member, collecting and distributing excess harvest to a local charity, compost management, being a committee member, construction and repair at the garden, school outreach, and trash/recycling on Sunday night and Monday.**

Do you have additional ideas for your garden participation work?

Please send your ideas to mary.kellogg53@gmail.com or call at (408)888-9790.

We look forward to receiving your new ideas for our garden.

Have you noticed we have new gardeners who have jumped right in when people have moved and planted great winter crops already? Take a walk around the garden and see their great ideas.

