



OLD FARM COMMUNITY GARDENS NEWSLETTER

June 2022

A Word from Your President

Greetings gardeners!

Hopefully your gardens are planted and you may have started to see some growth already. It is beautiful seeing the garden come back to life and seeing you all in the garden again!

There have been lots of changes in the Care and Share plot. A special thank you to the volunteers that are assisting in the reconfiguration, plant donations, watering, upkeep, information sharing and more. In addition, a thank you to Tricia and Dan for committing to the planting and watering the first completed row. Tricia works at Care and Share and has been very excited about OFCG and the dedicated contributions to Care and Share - so much so she wanted to get involved!



Reminder - Please be sure to close the gates and lock them when you leave.

Happy Gardening!

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email LherissonTiffany@gmail.com

Welcome New Members



LaLaSha Murphy-Rockwood
Plot A0

Photos not available:

- Plot A9 Luke Sweatman
- Plot B0 Alessandra Law
- Plot B1a Bobbie Jo Gregor
- Plot B4a Ed Ulfe
- Plot C4a Chris/Adrianna Young
- Plot C7 Mederith Haas

Pesticides Approved for Organic Production

Many people think gardeners that grow organically never use pesticides. There are pesticides that are approved for organic production and can effectively control insect pests and diseases.

Pesticides used in organic production are mainly derived from natural products like plants and minerals. Botanical pesticides, as the name implies, are derived from plants. Common botanicals, that can be found locally, include pyrethrum, neem, and garlic. These types of products are non-selective, which means they can control a wide variety of pests. Biological pesticides contain disease organisms or toxins derived from these organisms. Probably the most common biological is an organism called *Bacillus thuringiensis*, or Bt.

Biologicals usually have a narrow pest range that they control. BT, for example, just controls caterpillars. Pesticides that are derived from minerals are also commonly used in organics and include sulfur, copper and diatomaceous earth. Sulfur and copper can be very effective in suppressing plant diseases, while diatomaceous earth helps repel certain insects. (See Free Resources below for more information on this product.)

Care should be taken in using mineral based pesticides, like copper, as they may damage the plant in certain conditions. Spray oils are generally derived from plants or animals, although some oils may be petroleum based. Oils work by suffocating insect pests like scales and mites, so thorough coverage is needed. Again, care should be taken as oils can also damage plants if you have freezing conditions or hot weather after application. Other chemicals used in organic production include insecticidal soaps and

insect pheromones. Read the label if you choose to use one of the products to make sure that it is going to control the pest you have. Also, realize that most of the products break down very quickly, so reapplying often may be needed for satisfactory pest control.

Read more at:

<https://wilkes.ces.ncsu.edu/2016/12/pesticides-approved-for-organic-production-that-every-gardener-might-like-to-try/>

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July Garden Calendar

By Debra Othitis

-Harvest garlic when several of the lower leaves go brown but 5 or 6 of the top leaves are still green. Place out of direct sunlight in an area with good air circulation to cure. (See "Resources" below for guidance.)

-Harvest zucchini when the fruits are 6 to 8" long. They are at their best at that size.

-Replant leaf lettuce & spinach and sow seeds of sugar snap peas for a fall harvest.

-Tomatoes need consistent watering to prevent blossom end rot and misshapen fruit.



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Free Gardening Resources

Harvesting Garlic: <https://planttalk.colostate.edu/topics/vegetables/1827-harvesting-garlic/>

Zucchini Plants Flowering But Not Producing Fruit
<https://extension.unh.edu/blog/zucchini-plants-flowering-not-producing-fruit>

What Is Diatomaceous Earth? <http://npic.orst.edu/factsheets/degen.html#whatis>

You can access free, research based Fact Sheets on many gardening topics from The El Paso County Extension Office. See listing at <https://extension.colostate.edu/topic-areas/yard-garden/?target=publications#fruits>

Submit gardening questions to csumg2@elapoco.com or call 719-520-7684. The in-person help desk is open 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at 17 N. Spruce St. Find us on Facebook at Colorado Master Gardeners – El Paso County.

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If you have questions or concerns about Old Farm Community Gardens, contact Tiffany Lherisson, Board President @ 719-208-2089 (call/text) or email LherissonTiffany@gmail.com