

St. Barnabas Community Garden

Preliminary List of events for 2025 season

Meeting	Location	Date and time	Comments
Kick off meeting and registration.	St Barnabas Church Undercroft	Saturday April 5th, 10:00-11:00	Consider heading over to Seedy Saturday at Bowness Community Association!
Work day 1 + Seed Exchange!	St. Barnabas garden	Saturday April 26th 1pm to 3pm <i>Alternative date for bad weather: Saturday, May 3rd</i>	Week after Easter.
Weed and Greet: Weeding and clean-up 1	St. Barnabas garden	Wednesday May 14 18:00-19:00	Bring a Chair!
Weed and Greet: Weeding and clean-up 2	St. Barnabas garden	Saturday June 21, 10:00-12:00	Bring a Chair!
Weed and Greet: Weeding and clean-up 3	St. Barnabas garden	Wednesday July 16, 18:00-19:00	Bring a Chair!
Weed and Greet: Weeding and clean-up 4	St. Barnabas garden	Saturday, Aug 16, 10:00-12:00	Bring a Chair!
Work day 2: Bed rebuild/repair; Weeding and clean-up 5	St. Barnabas garden	Wednesday Sep 17th, 18:00-19:00	Bring a Chair!
Wrap-up meeting: Final clean-up & Bed rebuild & repair	St Barnabas Church Undercroft	Saturday Oct 25, 10:00-12:00	Coffee & tea

Notes

1. **Kick-off meeting.** Attendance is mandatory. Completed registration forms, annual rental fee and deposit (if new to garden) must be sent to the Treasurer by a gardener (or a proxy) for each bed.
2. **Work day 1;** Setting up the garden for the season. Mulch weeding & refreshing; rain barrel set up; check rain water run-off piping and replace as needed; reset loose paving slabs; check for evidence of hares in garden; repair any gaps in fencing; general tidying.
3. **Weeding and clean-up, sessions 1-4.** Weed mulched area and communal vegetable, fruit and herb areas, cobble path to main (east) entrance, and paving stone driveway. Changing paper filters in rain barrels. Inspect fruit trees and raspberry canes, pruning and removing pests (aphids etc.). Turning compost (bin 1 to 2; bin 2 to 3 as directed by committee).
4. **Work day 2;** Bed rebuild/repair raised beds, and weeding and clean-up. Replace rotted and badly warped boards. Re-lay loose concrete block walls.
5. **Wrap-up meeting.** Garden committee will review the season, and listen to comments and ideas from gardeners.

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Shared Tasks for 2025 season

Common Tasks

- Clean rain barrel sieves and replace paper towel. Check the taps are closed
 - If barrels have recently emptied or overflowed, add a teaspoon of oil to prevent mosquitoes from hatching
- Shift and / or turn Compost as indicated on signs
- Weed or use vinegar/salt spray (found in shed) on Front Path
- Check and secure loose paving stones
- General tidying and sweeping
 - sweep mulch off of pavement
 - dispose of any trash blown into the garden
 - turn buckets upside down, ensure nothing is gathering standing water

Shared Garden Areas - Weed, Water, Monitor for pests

- Perennial Beds A&B
- Perennial Beds C&D
- South Entry Area
- Fruit Tree Area 1
- Fruit Tree Area 2
- Food Box Donation Beds
- Raspberry Patch behind the shed area

Always ensure the area around your assigned plot is free of weeds