



## 2021 Garden Class Descriptions

Arvada Community Garden  
9195 W 57<sup>th</sup> Ave

**Mar 17 Starting Plants From Seed** - How to start plants from seed, including onions, tomatoes, peppers, cole crops. Includes selection of potting soil, containers to use, germination, lighting, watering, fertilizing, hardening off and final planting. Each participant will receive containers and tools, and seedlings to take home to care for until planting time.

**Apr 14 Growing Onions** - Short class on everything you wanted to know about growing onions. Varieties covered: short day or long day, keeper, red, white or yellow, leeks, bunching, shallots, chives, green onions. Class will cover planting, fertilizing, watering, harvesting, drying and keeping.

**Apr 28 Water Conservation** - Water conservation programs are designed to change water use behavior, introduce improved water fixtures and achieve water savings both short term and long term. This class will show you how to conserve water outdoors in your garden, your lawn and your landscape.

**May 12 Container Gardening** – Delve into the land of container gardening and learn many of the advantages compared to traditional gardening: accessible, less weeds, less tools needed, container mobility, decorative planters, great for the novice. Also learn what size container is needed for various flowers and vegetables.

**May 26 Beekeeping** - Learn from Arvada Community Garden beekeepers all about hives and beekeeping. You will learn the life cycle of the European honey bee, and the many unique jobs bees perform in and outside of the hive. Learn how new bees regulate the population of the hive. When and how can the youngest bees in the hive make a new queen. How do bees regulate the temperate of the hive? Learn how and why beekeepers inspect the inner workings of the Langstroth hive. How is it that a drone can have a mother, a grandmother, a grandfather, but never a father? Learn the current health hazards that threaten the future of honey bees.

**Jun 9 Growing Tomatoes** - Learn from a master gardener how to grow better tomatoes. Tomato problems stem from three main sources, what are these and how can you prevent them? Learn the best practices for happy tomatoes and happy growers. Learn about other considerations when wrapping up the season. Via Zoom, see website for link.

**Jun 23 Garden Myths** – Learn about 34 common garden myths related to growing your vegetables, taking care of trees, working your Colorado soils, using pesticides and adding fertilizers, purchases for your lawn and landscaping and how to water your yard, garden and landscape. What's true, what isn't, what's a myth.

**Jul 21 Growing and Uses of Herbs** - In this class, you will learn how to harvest herbs and dry them for storage or to use in your recipes. Learn how the increased usage of a wider variety of herbs can lift your cooking beyond ordinary to gourmet. The class will also cover the "families" of herbs so that you can immediately implement your new knowledge.

**Aug 4 Saving Seeds** – You will learn all the basics of saving seeds. Don't save hybrid plant seeds, how to choose which plant has the best seeds, seed saving is tedious, sometimes it's stinky, easiest seeds to save, when are seeds viable, how to dry, package, label and store. And get a tour of the Arvada Community Garden Seed Library.

**Aug 18 Preserving the Harvest** – A class which will give you an basic introduction into the many different ways of preserving the harvest including: water bath canning, pressure canning, dehydrating, freezing, pickling, fermenting and fresh storage. The class will let you know what method is best for what vegetable or fruit.

**Sep 15 Nutrition and Gardening** - In addition to providing the essential vitamins, minerals, and fiber that keep our bodies working, fruits and vegetables are also linked to preventing health problems. Learn all about proper nutrition as it's related to the vegetables and fruit we grow in our gardens.

**Sep 29 Garden Tool Care** - This class will these garden tools: long handled shovel, garden hoe, hedge clipper and bypass pruner, and will discuss the common used of each tool, cleaning techniques for handles and blades, sharpening methods, preparation for storage and storage of each tool. Use and care of other tools will also be discussed.

6pm outside at the garden, FREE, open to the public  
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