



# 2024 Garden Class Descriptions

## Arvada Community Garden

9195 W 57<sup>th</sup> Ave

1. **Mar 20 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 some planting materials and transplanting tools. Bill Orchard CMG & AG
2. **Mar 27 Composting** -- Learn all about how we use the natural process of decomposition to rejuvenate our soils and create a fertile environment for our beloved plants from one of the gardens compost team members. We will cover topics from the history of composting to how we compost at the garden to what you can do at home. This is a great class for those wanting to learn more about how composting works, how we compost at Arvada Gardeners, and how to get started at home. Rick Miller AG
3. **Apr 10 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. Dan Appelhans and Wally Gallaher AG
4. **Apr 24 Gardening for Beginners** – A class for the beginner gardener. Class will cover location, soil improvement, watering, organization, layout, in ground, raised bed or containers, cool and warm season vegetables, when to plant, mulch and compost, seeds vs transplants, pest and disease management and harvesting. Bill Orchard CMG & AG
5. **May 1 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. Bill Orchard CMG AG
6. **May 8 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, Kerry Poppe, Jeffco Master Gardener.
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8. **May 22 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. John Baltich CMG and Nathan Baltich both AG
9. **May 29 Container Gardening-veggies and flowers** – 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. Sally Berriman AG
10. **Jun 12 Early Season Preservation** – A class which will give you an basic introduction into the many different ways of preserving the spring 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. Sally Berriman AG.
11. **Jun 26 Ground Covers** -- Ground Covers provide a variety of textures and colors, help reduce soil erosion and can offer an alternative to turf grasses. You will learn all about the different types of ground covers, how to plant, how to maintain and control weeds, where they work and where they don't. Kerry Poppe, Jeffco Master Gardener.
12. **Jul 10 – Pollinators** -- This class will cover identifying pollinators, how to attract pollinators to your garden, what, where, when of pollination, is it a flower visitor or a pollinator, creating a pollinator habitat in your garden, list of plants for your habitat and challenges you'll face. Kerry Poppe, Jeffco Master Gardener
13. **Jul 24 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. Sally Berriman AG
14. **Aug 14 Late Season Preservation** – A class which will give you an basic introduction into the many different ways of preserving the summer 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. Sally Berriman AG and John Baltich CMG & AG
15. **Sep 11 No Dig Gardening and Garlic** -- What exactly is "no dig" gardening? How do I garden without tilling? If you have ever wondered what no dig gardening is and how this method can improve soil health and reduce weeding this class is for you. Fall is a great time to get started. This method can be used in an existing garden plot or to start a new bed/garden. **Growing Garlic** - Class will describe garlic varieties, which ones grow best in Colorado, and how to plant, grow, and harvest garlic. Sarah Woolsey AG
16. **Sep 18 Putting Your Garden to Bed** – Learn what you need to close down your garden for the season including removing plant materials, mulching, soil turnover, composting, cleaning containers and tools, storing hoses, stakes and cages, rototilling in dead materials, cover crops, making notes and more. Bill Orchard CMG & AG

6:00 p.m. outside at the garden, FREE, open to the public

Come early or stay afterwards to visit the seed library and/or get a tour of the garden. Garden opens at 5pm.

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