



# Community Garden timeline for congregations

Autumn

Winter

Spring

Summer

Autumn

Seek approval from church board

Set meetings to make a diagram, plan garden, and assign work

Clean, prepare soil or build and fill beds

Weed and water as needed

Harvest and share

Select space for garden

Spread mulch

General plant maintenance such as "deadheading," fertilizing, mulching and composting

Remove plants and add to compost pile



Test soil for lead

Determine garden structure: shared or individual beds

Buy seedlings

Harvest and share

Fertilize

Recruit volunteers

Plant and water



Schedule winter meetings, update diagram, and plan for spring.

Do preliminary preparations of bed(s)

See [www.arboday.org/media/zones.cfm](http://www.arboday.org/media/zones.cfm) to determine your plant hardiness zone. See The Openlands Project, [www.openlands.org/urbangreening.asp?pgid=108](http://www.openlands.org/urbangreening.asp?pgid=108), for a complete schedule. Learn more about Return to the Garden at [www.discipleshomeissions.org/ReturnToTheGarden/index.htm](http://www.discipleshomeissions.org/ReturnToTheGarden/index.htm) or call Disciples Home Missions at (888) 346-2631.

