

## Bath Community Garden 2021

The 2021 growing season is upon us soon! The Bath Recreation and Parks department, which oversees the community garden, has been working with community members, who have gardened here for years, to brainstorm ways to improve the garden. We are targeting weed control and soil improvement as priorities for the coming growing season.

The plots will be clearly defined by paths and marked out with stakes. The parks crews will come by regularly to mow and weed whack paths to keep weeds down. Last fall we spread a much of leaves and grass over the entire garden. The most successful plots have used mulch in between their rows to keep weeds down with great success. We will have mulch available all season long for gardeners to use. The mulch will also help with minimizing compaction of the soil.

We will address soil improvement by making compost (old cow manure) available to gardeners. It is best to use it in your planting rows. Rather than rototilling the entire garden with a tractor, rototilling will be optional. One of our long time gardeners has agreed to make her rototiller available for those who wish to till their plot. Best practice suggests tilling the planting rows, not entire plot.

Other improvements include repairs to fence and gate, and replacing broken tools. Donations of tools, wheelbarrow or garden cart, would be gratefully accepted.

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