

FALL 2017 GARDEN CLEAN UP

Things that can be done before the work day:

1. Pull ivy out of hedges on both sides of the major walkways and trim back hard. Place in trash bags.
2. Weed all pathways all the fence lines, using stirrup hoe and pulling as necessary. *Pay special attention to the northeast area of the garden, as this is where a new layer of stones will be spread.* Place in trash bags.
3. Weed common areas: around cistern, near grill, trash bag area, by the water spigots, etc. Place in trash bags.
4. Pump up any soft tires on the wagons; replace as necessary (tire pumps and extra tires in tool shed).
5. Pull down all vines from along north garden fence.

Things to be done on the work day:

1. Clean the gas grill: empty drip pan, turn grill on and clean grates with metal brush.
2. See Joan Wells to help with Parkside Plantings.
3. Spread stones on pathways under direction of a Steering Committee member or designee.

4. Remove chicken wire fencing (approx. 30 ft.) from inside of south garden fence.
5. Empty rain barrel; disconnect and clean inside; check for cracks; reconnect (with screening to catch leaves, if possible).
6. Remove ALL hoses from along fence line and bag for trash. Save about 3 or 4 one-foot lengths for future use at water spigots.
7. Clean plastic chairs. When dry, stack and store in tool shed for the winter.
8. Remove everything from tool shed, sweep, clean tools, replace contents organizing as necessary.
9. Remove and store picnic table umbrella in rafters of tool shed.
10. Tidy area behind compost bins. Stack bricks, stones, etc. neatly. Tie up any tomato cages, chicken wire, etc. that are damaged so they can be put out for Monday's trash. Cages and wire in good shape can be saved for next year's gardeners, but should be securely tied to as not to become airborne during winter storms.
11. Check nest boxes on east side of tool shed; clean as necessary.

12. Turn compost as directed by Jim Wells. Cover with tarpaulin or weed cloth as necessary, weighted with bricks.
13. See Linda Zaimis for any help needed with City Harvest plantings.
14. Apply W/D 40 to all 5 locks: gates, tool shed, gas grill, and electric box.
15. Sweep outside both garden gates and all pathways around Parkside Plantings. Sweepings can be placed in compost (dry leaves especially needed).

Things to do after the work day:

1. After water turned off and cistern empty, clean dirt and stones from cistern. Beg, borrow, or steal a shop vacuum for this.