



Grow Plant Starts for Growing Gardens!

Calling all farmers, gardeners, hobby greenhouse enthusiasts! Growing Gardens is looking for volunteers willing to grow and donate plant starts that will be distributed for FREE to gardeners, schools, and partner organizations in our programs!

What we need: Folks who can plant, water, and care for plant starts in their hoophouse/greenhouse for distribution to our program participants and partner sites on May 18th in the Cully neighborhood. We distribute over 4,000 plant starts each May. Volunteers usually grow and donate 100 - 1,000 starts. You can grow in whatever size container makes sense for that plant, typically between 72 plug tray size and 3.5" pots.

What we can provide: seeds, potting soil, pots, trays, social media/newsletter/event recognition and thank you for your donation, 501(c)3 in-kind donation receipt/letter for taxes

What we cannot provide: education/training on starting seeds, lights, heat mats, fertilizer, other equipment

Timeline:

February

Growing assignments: what do you have experience growing? what do you have the space or equipment to grow successfully? what makes sense with what you are already growing?

Pick up/Drop off Supplies: we appreciate if you can pick up the supplies that you need from our office. We can drop off supplies if you are able to meet centrally (at a farmers market for example) or if you don't live too far from our office.

February - March

Start seeds: start seeds as needed so that plants are ready for planting May 18th

April

Check-in: email or phone check in to make sure everything is going alright, get estimate of numbers and varieties

May

Drop off Plants: *Option 1)* If you are able to drop off plants on the Friday before (May 17th), that is very helpful to us. We will be distributing at Trinity Lutheran School in the Cully neighborhood, so we have to coordinate drop offs around recess times. *Option 2)* If all your plants are labeled and ready to go (don't need potting up), you can bring your plants at 10am on Saturday May 18th to the distribution event itself. You can stay and meet gardeners when they show up to "shop" at 12pm.

Pick-up plants: If you are not able to drop off plants, we will schedule a time, usually on the Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday (15th, 16th, 17th) of May to pick up from you.

Questions?

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