



Webinar: Planning for Summer Care for School Garden Beds

Thursday, June 4, 2020 | 3:15-4:15 PM EDT

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The Massachusetts Farm to School Network provides statewide leadership to align, strengthen, and grow the farm to school movement across classrooms, cafeterias, and communities.

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Introducing the Edu Working Group Co- Chairs!

- Hope Guardenier, *Executive Director for School Sprouts*
- Calin Duke, *Farm to School Manager for Sustainable Nantucket*
- Dawn Lovejoy, *Nutrition Educator for UMass Extension*



From Mulch to Camp: Summer Garden Care

Strategies for management and success!

Presented by:
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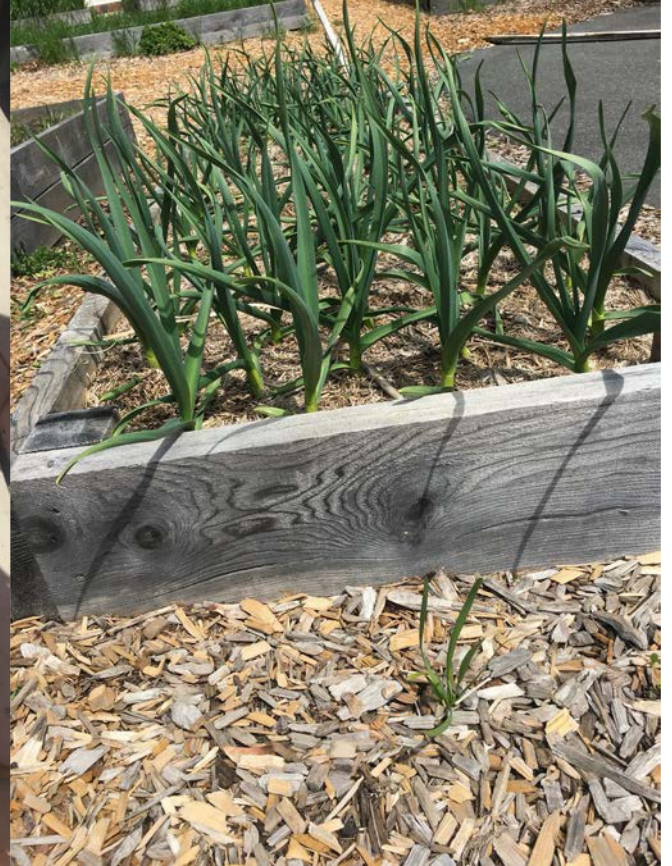
What to plant for a low maintenance summer

- Potatoes
- Carrots
- Squash
- Popcorn
- Beets



More crops for low summer maintenance

- Dry beans
- Onions
- Garlic
- Kale
- Chard



What not to plant in June for fall harvest

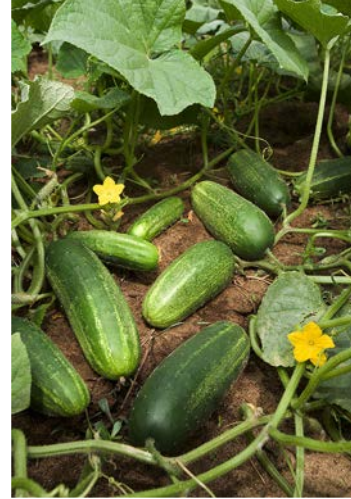
Green beans



Lettuce/spinach



Cucumbers



Summer Cover Crops

Plant for weed control instead of harvest.

- Oats
- Buckwheat
- Rye
- Clover



How to plant for a low maintenance summer

- **Mulch**
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- **Watering systems**
 - **Sprinklers**
 - **Soaker hoses**
 - **Irrigation**



More strategies for low maintenance

- To weed, or not to weed?
 - Weedwacking
 - Topping
 - Weeding



Volunteers for Summer Garden Care

- Sign Up Genius
- Parent volunteers
- Program Allies
- Teacher and faculty

The screenshot shows the SignUpGenius website. At the top is a navigation bar with the logo and buttons for HOME, CREATE A SIGN UP, FIND A SIGN UP, and PLANNING RESOURCES. Below this is a green banner with the text "Meet the Ultimate Teacher's Assistant..." and a list of sign-up options: Field Trip Carpool Sign Up, Teacher/Parent Conferences Sign Up, Room Mom Volunteer Sign Up, and Class Party Snack Lists. A red apple is shown on a wooden desk. Below the banner is the text "Or Create Your Own!".

SignUpGenius is a FREE online tool for creating and managing group sign up lists.

- Simple wizards for creating your sign up
- Public or private online group sign up
- Automated email reminders
- "Swapping" ability for schedule changes
- Attractive and customizable templates
- Easy administration tools and stats

[Learn How It Works](#)

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TRY IT SEE EXAMPLE	TRY IT SEE EXAMPLE	TRY IT SEE EXAMPLE
Learn more about how it works	Learn more about how it works	Learn more about how it works

Level 3--Hosting programs for the summer

What You Will Need to Run a Summer Program

Licensing: Camp licensing is very thorough. [Go to this site](#) for more information.

When starting, we recommend partnering with a local group who already has licensing and insurance. For example, your local Parks and Recreation.

Personnel: People to plan and implement the program. Knowledge of gardening helpful but more important, a willingness to learn about how to teach gardening.

Lessons: [Edible Schoolyard](#), [LifeLab](#), etc/ Also, listen to your garden.

Start Your Program with What You Already Have



If COVID-19 Prevents Summer Programming in the Garden



Family Days in The Garden (with Social Distancing)



CSAs of Farm to School Produce

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Kits for Kids



Virtual Camp