



WEEKLY WEEDER

July 13

1. Compost is Available!
 2. Workday Tomorrow Evening (Friday)
 3. Garden Education by Ila Falvey
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Compost is Available!

When harvesting compost:

- Put trash in the trash buckets
- Put material that has not fully decomposed into the large pile next to the eastern fence
- Put rocks in the ruts in the roads or in the trash buckets, never in the grass. Mowers do not like rocks
- Do not create debris piles around the harvest pile. If it is not yet decomposed but will, it goes in the large pile by the fence.

Please remember that compost is a common resource and share accordingly.

Thank you. — *Submitted by Randy Thompson*



Lovely Sunshine by Iris Slevin

Workday Friday Evening

Join your fellow gardeners to beautify Sunshine tomorrow, July 14 from 6-8 pm.
Hosted by Marsha Riti.

Garden Education by Ila Falvey

Garden Info: [Gardening without Groaning](#) has good information about avoiding back pain and chronic aches.

Extra July Gardening Checklist: <https://backbonevalleynursery.com/july-vegetable-gardening/>

Garden Notes from Marsha Riti

The lovely icons for this section were created by Marsha Riti



Heat Advisory

Summer is here so please take caution when working in the garden. Stay hydrated, wear sunscreen, and a hat. Also, remember we have a "cool room" in the trailer where the AC is running, and there are popsicles in the freezer. Please read this article from the CDC about [Heat Stress Related Illness](#).



Service Hours are Due

Sunshine Community Garden and TSVBI service hours are due at the end of this month. If you are unsure how many hours you have left to work please check the [Green Binder](#).



General Workday

Friday, June 14 from 6-8 pm hosted by Marsha Riti



Beautification Committee Workday

Need service hours? There is always a workday every Sunday (9-12pm) in the flower beds around the trailer. Hosted by Matthew Johnston.



Kid's Garden!

Thanks to the volunteerism of Sunshine gardeners, Sunshine is ready to get young members of the community gardening. While there is more to come, in terms of tools for the kids and shade areas, the beds are ready for the kids to start planting!

Gardeners who made contact about sponsoring a child aged 5-11 will be contacted soon by the Children's Garden Zone Coordinator, Pam Kirby. We still have some available beds for children. If you are a garden member in good standing and wish to sponsor a child who would enjoy gardening in his or her own 3x3 bed, contact [Pam](#) for further information.

OMG, Cars, slow down!



Please drive slowly (3 MPH) in the garden. There are cats, kids, and gardeners who use this space, and we need it to be safe for everyone.

Mowers and Weed Whackers



Don't know how to use the gas or electric grass cutting equipment? Please contact:

[Steve Camp](#) (electric mowers / weed wackers)

[Ray Porter](#) (gas mowers)

More grass than garden?



Please clean up your plot. If you have health issues that are keeping you from working on your plot contact your Zone Coordinator or the Vice President for assistance. Also, if you'd like to fallow your plot for the rest of the summer, posted below is how to do that (taken from page 28 of the Handbook). Please make sure your Zone Coordinator or Vice President knows you are fallowing your plot.

Fallow Season or Cover Crop

Occasionally, members may choose to leave a plot fallow for a season. This is a good practice to provide the soil a break. Fallow plots should be cleared of plants and weeds, then covered completely with compost and then cardboard, a thick layer of leaves, or other material that allows water to permeate. Avoid using plastic as it creates a good environment for fire ants underneath, and water pools on top. An alternative to a fallow season is to plant a cover crop to serve as green manure; this can be turned under at the end of the season to condition the soil. Consult the literature or local garden center for details on this technique for soil improvement.

Contact both [Kristin Phillips](#) & [Maria Beach](#) to contribute the Weekly Weeder.



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