

# 2020 BCS Garden Volunteers

## Guidelines and Policies

Dear Volunteers,

Welcome to gardening with BCS! **All BCS volunteers must work one shift in the BCS Garden in 2020** (except for **weekly pick-up drivers and childcare workers**). Also, participants with **physical limitations** should talk with me or warehouse staff before signing up).

We trust that your volunteer time in the BCS garden will enrich your life and the lives of BCS participants through gardening and fresh produce. Gardeners of any experience, including none at all, can take part. A Garden Manager will be on site during gardening times to give training, direction and expertise. We hope your learning in the garden will lead you to grow your own money-saving produce.

BCS currently has one garden - the Sunderland Garden in Gresham. To volunteer at the garden, **you must schedule on our [Signup.com page](http://signup.com/go/6eTe63)** (<http://signup.com/go/6eTe63>).

### Before coming to the garden:

- **Sign up** for a volunteering date/time at the garden on our [signup.com webpage](http://signup.com/go/6eTe63) (<http://signup.com/go/6eTe63>). If you have trouble, call/email me and I will sign you up.
- **Receive a confirmation email** that you are scheduled. I will also provide driving directions in that email.
- Once you are scheduled, **you are committed to serve** and we are counting on your help. **If you must cancel**, please do so on [signup.com](http://signup.com) ASAP.
- **CHILDREN: Infants in carriers and children age 10 and above** are welcome at **Sunderland Garden**.
- **Please leave PETS at home.**

### At the garden:

- **Park** on the lawn to the left upon arrival and walk to the left (north) of the house down the hill.
- **Bathrooms are NOT available** at the garden, except for emergencies. Please use restrooms BEFORE coming.
- **Bring** mud boots, work gloves, **drinking water**, sunglasses and/or hat and sunscreen. **We will garden rain or shine!** Basic tools are provided at the garden, though you are encouraged to bring your own if you have them.
- Arrive **on time**. The garden will not stay open late for you to finish your full two hours. You will **receive instructions and direction** from the Garden Manager.
- Please **DO NOT help yourself to produce** without permission.

### After the garden:

- Return harvested **produce to the BCS warehouse** (crates are provided), if applicable.
- Follow the **weigh-in** procedure for produce at the warehouse (see warehouse staff for help).
- **Log your volunteer time** (time you worked at the garden plus your produce delivery, if applicable) choosing Sunderland from the drop down menu.

I hope this letter answered many of your questions, but please feel free to contact me about scheduling or the Garden Manager (below) about the garden if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

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