



KEEP GROWING DETROIT

Greetings Garden Resource Program members and community partners,

With the Covid-19 health crisis all around us, there is nothing more that we want to do than to support the residents of Detroit to continue to sow the seeds that will foster resilience in our community. **Therefore, it is not lightly that KGD has made a decision to close our office and cancel all public facing events and face-to-face meetings/site visits between March 14th and March 31st.** This will include the GRP Seed Distributions on March 17th and 19th, all volunteer events including Open Hours at the KGD Farm, Education Events on March 21st and 28th, the GID New Marketer Orientation on March 25th. **We will reassess the situation on April 1st and proceed accordingly.**

During this time, although offices will be closed, KGD's staff will continue to work remotely, including safely at our greenhouse, following the guidance of the Michigan Department of Health and Center for Disease Control, to ensure that the spring activities necessary to make the Garden Resource Program and other activities will continue with as little interruption as possible this season.

At the moment, we are still planning to have seeds and transplants available to GRP members at the Cold Crop Distribution days on April 16th and 18th. If waiting to get seeds until then is a strong inconvenience for your garden or if the delay will cause a disruption for your small farm business, please contact Keep Growing Detroit and we will make arrangements for getting you an assortment of spring seed packs.

In the meantime, enjoy the wonders of spring. We encourage you to get out into the fresh air in your garden (safely, of course). Here are some springtime activities you might want to get started on:

- Prune your fruit trees! If you don't have fruit, consider ordering perennial fruit from our sale. The deadline is March 16th for orders. Planting and growing perennial crops is one of the most climate smart practices you can do.
- Inventory and utilize any past year seed you have. You can test germination before planting and/or sow spring seeds more heavily if you have older seed.
- Make your garden plan and get excited about the season to come.
- Turn your compost pile!

We are grateful to be connected to all of you through our work at KGD. The need for social distancing and our decision to postpone activities for the next few weeks is difficult, but it puts the importance of our work into perspective. We look forward to working with all of you to creatively grow relationships and resiliency in our community in the coming months.

Our staff can be reached at info@keepgrowingdetroit.org or 313-656-4769.

In community,

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