

## Goals For My Garden

<b>MY GARDEN</b>	<b>THOUGHTS</b>	<b>ACTION STEPS</b>
Triumphs in my School/Community Garden last year		
Challenges in my School/Community Garden last year		
How my Garden affects its neighborhood		
What I want to learn to make my garden better this year		
How do I want to involve more people in my garden?		
Who else can help me with my goals?		

**Notes:**

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# Call the Community In – It's Easy to Do!

**Organize Work Days** to gather help and interest

- o **Set up Dates** (and rain dates) at the beginning of the season and tell your nearby churches, schools, neighbors about those dates!
  - 1 day for cleaning out the garden in the spring
  - 2 days for weeding/planting/watering during the season
  - 1 day for cleaning out the garden when plants die in the fall
- o **Contact** churches, schools and homes near your garden – they might want to help but need someone to tell them when
  - Posters on light posts or in mailboxes (be sure to take them down)
  - Announcements give to church and school offices
  - Phone calls
  - A big sign in your garden 3 weeks ahead of time
  - How else?
- **Label** garden beds with community gardener or teacher's names. Signs help others feel ownership.
  - o This can be done on a Work Day!
    - Painted Rocks
    - Painted Roof Shingles
    - Painting the side of the bed itself!
- **Celebrate** together with a cookout or picnic in your garden with fresh vegetables from your plots
  - o Bring a grill and olive oil and challenge gardeners to be creative!
  - o Have kids carefully cut up tomatoes, cilantro, onions and whatever else they like for a healthy, messy outdoor salsa.
  - o Blindfolded herb taste tests are fun and silly!
- **Make Your Garden Your Own** by asking community members or students to fill it with art or sculptures
  - o Stack painted rocks
  - o Paint veggies on old plywood to reuse it!
  - o Wrap ribbons around trees or weave it into the garden fence

## Ideas for My Garden:

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