

Bear Creek Garden Association 2026 Calendar

DATE	EVENT
March 1	Winter Potluck for Returning Gardeners –Location TBA, 12:30 p.m. to 4. Details to be provided.
March 7	Organic Gardening Class – 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Bear Creek Nature Center, 245 Bear Creek Road <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Growing Vegetables at the Charmaine Nymann Community Garden - Tips for Success"
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County tills the garden in late March • Volunteers stake plots and define aisles
April 11	Orientation Meeting for New Gardeners – 9:30 a.m. at the Bear Creek Nature Center, 245 Bear Creek Rd.
April 18	GARDEN OPENS - weather permitting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Onsite orientation for new gardeners (required). New gardeners will be scheduled in small groups starting at 1:00 p.m. • Returning Gardeners check in at the garden between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon. Purchase keys and badges • Planting begins - peas/spinach/lettuce/beets/kale/potatoes
MAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water is turned on early in the month by the Parks Department • Average last killing frost is May 15th • Ladybugs and killdeer begin returning to the garden • Wind and cold protection essential for tender plants • Straw bales sales open May 10 through 31 • Plant beans/corn/carrots after the soil warms up
May 16	Garden Workday
May 23	PLANT AND TOOL SALE Bring extra plants and tools to donate between 8:00 and 9:00 a.m. Sale runs from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
JUNE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plant squash/cucumbers after Memorial Day • Plant tomatoes/peppers/eggplant/basil (use cold protection) • Begin harvesting greens • Keep plot moist as heat increases; spread straw mulch • Daylight lengthens – garden is open until dark
June 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After this date the gates must be locked at all times

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June 20	Garden Workday
JULY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheyenne Mountain Zoo and Silver Key Senior Services food pantry both start picking up donated produce from tarps by the Truck Gate mid-month • Keep after weeds and bugs; plant late season peas and spinach.
July 11	Summer gardening class, 9 a.m. in Picnic Pavilion #7 near the garden
July 18	Garden Workday
July 31	Last day to spread straw mulch on plots
AUGUST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Danger of hail is greatest the first week of August • Shorter daylight – garden closes at dark
August 15	Garden Workday
August 23	Summer Potluck Picnic –Location TBA, 12:30 p.m. to 4. Details to be provided.
August 29	Harvest Produce Preservation Class, 9-10:30, in Picnic Pavilion #7 near the garden
SEPTEMBER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dumpsters arrive for garden refuse • Zoo and Silver Key Food Pantry continue to pick up excess produce donations. Frost is possible from mid-month – cover the tomatoes! • Continue harvesting greens and root crops and begin pulling spent plants to dispose of in dumpsters to get a start of garden clearing.
Sept-Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Garden compost mix sales are open Sept. 10 through Oct. 10. • Closing Season Workdays: Sept. 19, Oct. 10, 11 and 17 • Average first killing frost is October 10, but often occurs in Sept.
Sept 19	Garden Workday
October 10	Garden Workday
October 11	Garden Workday
October 17	GARDEN CLOSES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Garden is closed at 4 p.m. • All Plots must be cleared by the end of the day. • Garden Workday

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October 22-25	Gardeners who purchased garden compost mix have these four days to return and spread the mix on their plot(s).
October 24	Bear Creek Garden Association Annual Meeting 2 p.m. Location to be announced

Workdays are generally scheduled for the third Saturday morning each month. Special workdays are scheduled for final weekends of the season:

May 16, June 20, July 18, August 15, September 19, October 10 - 11, October 17