

The WSMC Garden Schedule

Where is it located?

Our garden's online schedule is saved as a Google spreadsheet at <http://bit.ly/dXmpvT>

Why was this created?

The online version of the WSMC Garden Schedule was created to complement the existing print version, to accommodate those members who were not able to sign up for their 17.5 hours at this season's orientation meeting, or who prefer to sign up on a week-to-week or month-to-month basis. It will allow garden members to sign up for hours from home, and to log in to see who else is working and when.

Is it mandatory?

Members are not obligated to sign up for their hours online. Anyone who prefers to continue using the print version is welcome to do so. Both versions count.

Do I need a password?

No. You don't need a password to sign in. You don't need a Google e-mail address. Anyone with an internet connection can log on. Just click the link above. (If the link above is not clickable, cut and paste it into your browser's address bar.)

Who can edit it?

Anyone can edit the garden schedule. That's the beauty of Google spreadsheets. No administrators, no special clearances.

If anyone can edit the garden schedule, won't it be vandalized?

Probably not, but just to be safe please don't go posting the address around town. And even if some malicious and incredibly bored person does try to sabotage our community garden schedule, we should be okay. One of us will be archiving weekly back-up versions offline.

Okay, how does it work?

Let's sign up for a work slot together.

Say you want to sign up for the 3 to 5:30 work slot on August 20th, a Saturday.

You would scroll down the left-most column until you see 5/30/2009.

Then follow that row over until you find the column marked "3—5:30."

Double-click on the cell where the 5/30/2009 row intersects with the "3—5:30" column.

Check: are there already other names in the cell? If there are, please DO NOT ERASE them. Just tack your name on.

Write your name in the cell.

Click “enter” or “return” on your keyboard.

Clicking “enter” automatically updates and saves the document. Don’t bother looking for the “save” option in the main file menu. This Google doc doesn’t have one. It was configured to autosave after any changes are entered to the cells.

If you forget to click “enter,” you will see a pop-up warning when you try to close the page. If you want to save your changes, click “Cancel” on the pop-up warning and go back and “enter” your changes. (If you don’t want your most recent edits to be saved, click “OK” on the pop-up warning.)