

# School Garden Tips: October



- **Garden Maintenance:**

October is a great month for seed saving! Store seeds in a cool, dry place, and be sure to label them (before you forget) with the name of the plant, the variety and the year saved.

If planting cover crops, clear the beds prior to planting. Put disease-free plant material, and fruit and vegetable scraps into compost. Disease plant parts, including fruit, and weeds should be put in the municipal green bin.

Be sure to remove any dead or infected branches from fruit trees before all the leaves fall off. You will not be able to pick out these branches when you do your winter pruning and the tree is bare.

- **Planting Guide**

Seeds: Arugula, Leeks, Lettuce, Peas, Radish, Spinach, Chard. Fava Beans

Plants: Bok Choy, Broccoli, Cabbage, Cauliflower

Plant garlic (cloves), if available.

Perennials and native plants can be planted at the end of the month when the weather begins to cool.

- **Pest & Disease Alert:**

Monitor [cabbage worm](#) on cruciferous plants and handpick. Also check for aphids and wash off with a steady stream of water, or remove any badly infected leaves. Your squash plants will probably be infected with powdery mildew, it's common this time of year. Pull out infected plants and put them directly into the municipal green bin.

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