

Community Food Initiatives (CFI) is very pleased to invite local community members to join one of our several community gardens in Athens County for the 2015 growing season starting now!

For those who can't garden at their homes or who enjoy working alongside their neighbors, community gardens are a great option. CFI's community gardens offer each grower their own plot, easy access to water, tools, mulch, free seeds and plant starts and free entry to garden and food preservation workshops.

CFI recently welcomed Kevin Fletcher to the team as the Regional Garden Specialist. Kevin provides additional gardening expertise to any community gardeners who are interested in learning more about organic gardening and how to increase the efficiency and productivity of their gardens. You can learn more about Kevin's experience and bio at

<http://www.communityfoodinitiatives.org/who-we-are/>.

As part of a grant funded by Grow Appalachia (<http://www.berea.edu/grow-appalachia/>), CFI will also be working with community gardeners who express an interest in using season extension techniques to increase their garden yields. Selected gardeners will be provided with the materials and training to construct and utilize simple yet effective unheated low-tunnel greenhouses in their community garden plots to extend their effective growing season length and increase crop yields.

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Tuesday, April 21st

6:00-7:00pm at Nelsonville Community Garden, Hocking Parkway across from Train Depot

Wednesday, April 22nd

4:00-5:00pm at Chauncey Public Library and Garden, 29 Converse St.

5:30-6:30pm at Southside/Carriage Hill Community Garden, 115 Carriage Hill Drive, Athens

Friday, April 24th

11:00-12:00pm at Glouster Community Garden/HAPCAP, 3 Cardaras Drive

Saturday, April 25th

1:00-2:00pm at East Side Community Garden, East Park Drive behind Eastside Dog Park

For further information and to get started gardening, contact:

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