

# ANNUAL GARDEN OVERVIEW

## January

- Plan planting for the beds
- Make seed start schedule for indoors/outdoors\*\*
- Acquire seeds for the year's planting
- Finalize plans for AIP

## February

- Purchase materials as necessary for AIP
- Start pepper seedlings

## March

- Plan meeting times to finish AIP
- Order materials as necessary for AIP

## April

- Complete AIP
- Write thank you letters to AIP funders
- Write project summary and conclusion
- Weed pots and containers
- Start herbs and pollinator flowers in pots

## May

- Tend to starters
- Water emerging milkweed
- Organize and inventory tool shed

## June

- Leave some milkweed
- Give beds new soil
- Harden starters
- Plant starters in ground
- Daily watering and weeding

## July

- Daily watering and weeding
- Check rain barrel level, fill as necessary
- Leave 1/3 harvest to go to seed
- Harvest herbs
- Plant new herbs as old bolt
- Collect seeds as necessary

## August

- Daily watering and weeding
- Check rain barrel level, fill as necessary
- Harvest herbs
- Leave 1/3 harvest to go to seed
- Harvest foods
- Collect seeds from bolting lettuce and herbs

## September

- Daily watering and weeding
- Harvest foods and seeds
- Cover, mulch beds as necessary
- Choose annual improvement project (AIP)
- Create AIP team, consider mix of program focuses\*
- Research AIP avenues, create proposals for facilities, maintenance, funders, and professors as necessary

## October

- Empty and tip over rain barrels to prevent cracking from freezing
- Grant applications for AIP
- Continue to communicate, budget, and revise with AIP team

## November

- Policy navigation and review for AIP

## December

- Submit AIP applications for necessary approvals

\*The AIP timeline is loose and may change depending on the project

\*\*Seed start times and conditions vary for each plant