

COMGAR Guidelines

This listserv is for community gardeners in the Twin Cities Metro Area (and Greater Minnesota) to share timely information, seek advice from other gardeners, and learn about resources available to gardeners.

Hello!

The evolution of COMGAR has meant that there are many more people on it, and no clear sense of what's ok to post and what's not. Over the last four months, I have heard from subscribers, GardenWorks coordinators and the two other volunteer listserv managers. In order to retain value of the listserv to subscribers we propose the following COMGAR guidelines:

Be Civil – Use Civil Language. Real people are on the listserv. Respect all people with different views whether it is about gardening techniques or community organizing.

Be Considerate. Don't forward private replies without permission.

Avoid False Rumors – Each of us need to make an effort to make sure that we've asked enough questions before forwarding it to COMGAR.

Avoid attachments – Attachments can harbor viruses and all sorts of bugs. Even if you think you're "clean", it is considerate to not ask someone to take the chance in order to see your message. If the message can't be in the body of the email itself, see if the attachment (flyer or article) can't be posted to a website. Please us know if GardenWorks can help with this.

Keep topics on Community Gardening. All posts should be directly related to Community Gardening. This means no postings of a political nature. While civic engagement is strongly encouraged, there are other venues for this, yet there is no other listserv specifically geared to community gardeners in the Twin Cities Metro Area. On the other hand, postings for jobs that directly support community gardening are appropriate.

Avoid Double Posting. Avoid reposting messages from other listservs or email lists to COMGAR. Chances are good that subscribers of this email are also connected to MN Green and/or the listserv of the American Community Gardening Association (ACGA-L) – please refrain from double posting. If you would like to know more about these other two email lists, please email info@gardenworksmn.org for more information.

Plan for delayed posting -- The Listserv is moderated. The volunteer listserv managers are approving messages to ensure that the value of this listserv is retained. By doing this, we seek avoid posting messages that are inappropriate for the entire listserv. If a message is not accepted for the listserv, a manager will notify the person submitting the message. Working together, the managers approve messages within 24 hours. If you have questions about this or feel that an inappropriate email was approved, please email info@gardenworksmn.org – we want COMGAR to have value to community gardeners.

Send COMGAR mailing list submissions to comgar-l@lists.umn.edu. Email questions or removal/subscription requests to kirsten@gardenworksmn.org or go to <http://lists.umn.edu/archives/comgar-l.html> (where you can also access the archives).