

# 2026 4-H GARDENING PROJECT

## *Fulton & Montgomery Counties*

The 4-H Gardening Project provides youth with an opportunity to grow vegetables and flowers, experiment with garden practices, learn about various horticultural businesses and earn money by marketing their produce. A large garden is not necessary.

The 4-H program provides seeds, plants and eight classes throughout the project focusing on planning your garden, composting, starting seeds, transplanting, general upkeep of your garden, harvesting & selection, marketing, entrepreneurship, and exhibition of produce. Youth participants will also visit several local growers and sellers to learn about various aspects of the market. The 4-H Gardening Project is suitable for any type of garden, be it city, suburban or country.

*Each participant will receive 3 types of started plants and get to choose from a wide variety of seeds. More information on types of plants offered will be shared at the first workshop on April 20.*

To sign up for the 4-H Gardening Project, **return the registration form to the 4-H Office by Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> with \$20 registration fee. This project is open to 4-H youth ages 8-18.**

## VEGETABLE MARKETING WORKSHOPS

<u>Series dates</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Location (note all start at 6pm)</u>
Monday, April 20	Introduction & Soil Testing	Annex – Room 214
Monday, May 4	Composting	Community Garden, 78 Wall St, Amsterdam
Monday, May 18	Planning Your Garden	Annex – Room 214
Monday, June 1	Transplanting Started Plants	Gray's Garden & Greenhouse
Monday, June 15	Flower Gardening & Farming	The Hippie Hen Flower Farm, Amsterdam
Monday, June 29	Garden Upkeep & Management	Mabee Farm, Rotterdam
Monday, July 13	Harvesting & Marketing and Farmers Markets	Tylutki Farms, Palatine Bridge
Monday, July 27	Preparation & Selection for Exhibition	Philia Farm, Johnstown

-Seed Packets will be distributed at the May 18 workshop

-Started Plants will be distributed at the June 1 workshop

## RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBER AND PARENT/GUARDIAN

- . Plant any seeds and plants provided through the project.
- . Take care of and harvest my garden.
- . Participate in 4-H Gardening Project workshops and business visits.
- . Keep accurate records and up-to-date records of your garden.
- . Market top quality produce/flowers either through local businesses or through a personal farm stand.
- . **Exhibit vegetables and/or flowers in 4-H at the Fonda Fair.**
- . Submit your 4-H Record Book by October 15, which include a project summary about what you learned in this project

## 4-H GARDENING PROJECT QUESTIONS

CCE Fulton-Montgomery Master Gardeners – [mastergardenerccefm@cornell.edu](mailto:mastergardenerccefm@cornell.edu)

Also cc Kyle to all emails: [ky292@cornell.edu](mailto:ky292@cornell.edu)

# 4-H GARDENING PROJECT REGISTRATION — 2026

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Club or Individual \_\_\_\_\_

*I agree to fulfill the requirements for this project as follows:*

- . Plant any seeds and plants provided through the project.
- . Take care of and harvest my garden.
- . Participate in 4-H Gardening Project workshops and business visits.
- . Keep accurate records and up-to-date records of your garden.
- . Market top quality produce/flowers either through local businesses or through a personal farm stand.
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**SIGNED** (4-H Member)

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*I have read the above and will cooperate in meeting the requirements.*

**YES** \_\_\_\_ **NO** \_\_\_\_

**SIGNED** (Parent/Guardian)

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE 4-H OFFICE NO LATER THAN April 9, 2026**

Each participant will receive all started plants offered. In addition, participants may choose from a variety of seeds that will be offered. Participants are not limited to only these vegetables and flowers in their garden. If desired, participants are welcome to grow additional types, these must be purchased on your own.

If you intend to grow additional types or vegetables and flowers in your garden, please list them below:

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