

Schedule and To Do

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Day	To Do:
Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	
Saturday/Sunday	

This week:

Training and preparation

- Watch “How to trellis tomatoes using an overhead wire” video on COFGA’s video page
- Solidify your project idea: it could be testing fertilization techniques, planning and coordinating events, or working with the food bank in helping to restock the shelves and provide greater access to healthy foods

Maintenance

- Weeding bed #2 and food bank/dye beds
- Set up tomato trellis system
- Prune raspberry canes



Intern Syllabus: Week 5

What’s cultivating?

- Direct Seeding and Transplanting
- Weeding, maintenance, and preparing
- Community Engagement Coordination

In the Community

Community Action Mentorship

Public Media

- Write a facebook post on COFGA's facebook about your progress thus far!

Community Action

- Visit a second farm if you haven't already!
- Food bank and gleaning:
 - Stop by the farmer's market at 5:30 before closing and glean, then bring to food bank

Mentorship

Check in with the following advisors:

- Set up a time to meet Alice Eliot (master gardener): aelliott@colby.edu - invite her to the garden
- Check in with Joe Jacques: jjacques@colby.edu - invite him to meet you at the garden



In the Spotlight

Raspberry Care Through the Season

Early Season: Pruning Raspberry Canes

Raspberries are a perennial plant in a biennial cycle: they grow leaves the first year, and then grow fruit the next year. After they grow fruit, the stalks die. In order to prevent disease, and promote excellent growth of fruit, we:

1. Prune out the dead stalks,
2. Weed the grass around the alive stalks, and then
3. Prune the alive stalks so there are no more than 3 or 4 stalks per square ft.

Mid-season: Japanese Beetle Management

Japanese beetles love the raspberries. They will strip the leaves completely and spoil the fruits. In order to prevent this, follow these steps:

1. Prepare soapy water in a cup or small bucket (use biodegradable soap like Dr. Bronner's)
2. Hand pick: hand pick the Japanese beetles into the soapy water. Pick early in the morning, when they are more drowsy and less active
3. Dump the dead carcasses and soapy water in the tree line behind the shed. Farther away will discourage any larvae from getting back to the raspberries, and keep the bugs that eat the bugs away from you!

