

PROCESS edit 6.13.23	BED TYPE	Chores for Crop Pulling and Bed Preps	Chore Notes
STRING, SHAPE, AND LEVEL BED	Mounded Bed	<p>PREPPING for MOUNDED BEDS</p> <p>STRING, SHAPE, AND LEVEL BED before PREP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -After pulling crop, make the surface into a consistent and level planting area to prepare bed for a Fall Prep. -Pull and store watering system. Take to the rack in the Compost Area marked for storage of the type of system pulled. -Pull timer assembly and store in shed. -Pull and store crop sign. -At 3" above the soil surface, tie a rope around all 4 PVC corner markers (one may be a water pipe). The area inside the ropes will be the planting surface. -Check bed for any weeds and pull. Dig out any remaining rootballs. Take both Longterm Pile. -Leave all Forest Compost and wood chips on the bed. Chips decompose and enrich the soil, helping retain moisture and feeding the Web of Life. -Rake surface to make it a consistent and level area within the ropes. It should be a level surface reaching all the way to the ropes when finished. -Confirm the bed matches the photo in Diagram #4 in the Appendix when completed. Adjust if necessary to complete the chore. -Leave the ropes marking the edges of the bed for the Fall Prep step. <p>NOTES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Please set ropes at 3" above the soil line to avoid tripping or interfering with wheelbarrows. 	ALL mounded beds must be strung, shaped and leveled each year to keep the soil in the beds and the paths straight and clean.
FALL-PREP a MOUNDED BED - Add Homemade Compost, Mined Limestone Flour and final layer of Compost	Mounded Bed	<p>FALL-PREP a MOUNDED BED - Add Homemade Compost, Mined Limestone Flour and final layer of Compost</p> <p>**Replaces Planting of Clover, and is used to prep a Raised Bed for Winter or Spring planting. Add 7-5-7 at planting time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Bed is to be strung and shaped before beginning this step. Ropes should still be on bed. -Sprinkle 6 cups of "Mined Limestone Flour" evenly over the entire bed and rake into soil. Find Mined Limestone Flour in the large metal can in the shed. ***Material is dusty. Wear a mask.*** NO 7-5-7 will be added until Planting Day.*** -Rake the bed lightly to make a relatively flat surface. -Add 2 wheelbarrows of Homemade Compost and spread evenly over the entire bed. -Cover the bed and Homemade Compost with a minimum thickness of 1" of Compost. This blocks out the light and prevents weed seeds from germinating. -Rake surface to be smooth. -Remove rope, roll on a reel, and store in shed. Extra reels may be found in the shed. 	

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Plant Cover Crop (USE ONLY IF A PLANT PARENT WANTS TO USE THIS PROCESS)	Mounded Bed	<p>PLANT COVER CROP ON A MOUNDED BED</p> <p>-Complete chores "STRING, SHAPE, AND LEVEL BED before PREP" and "FALL-PREP a MOUNDED BED - Add Homemade Compost, Mined Limestone Flour and final layer of Compost" before starting this chore.</p> <p>-Leave all woodchips and all mulch on the bed. It enriches the soil and will help retain moisture.</p> <p>-Use a hoe to make 4 narrow, parallel trenches 1.5" deep down the length of the bed. Trenches should be about 6-8" apart and run the length of the bed.</p> <p>-Distribute 2 cups of crimson clover seed evenly down all four trenches. Find bag of crimson clover seed (50 lb white bag) in metal can in shed. Lid is marked "Crimson Clover Seed." (Or, use Legume/Cereal Blend cover crop seed)</p> <p>-Hoe the dirt back over all the trenches, burying the seed about 1" deep. Walk the length of each trench to firm soil over seeds, or use the back of a rake or other flat tool.</p> <p>-If possible, water each bed for 10-15 minutes with a hose and nozzle after planting, before covering with remay. Or, Cover with remay and leave for the rains to come.</p> <p>-Cover firmed-in trenches with old remay to protect seeds from birds. Find old remay in the tan trash can in the old greenhouse, or use any remay from the remay box behind the shed. Weight the edges with rebar or other sticks.</p> <p>-Place clover or cover crop sign.</p> <p>NOTES: Mined Limestone Flour is dusty. Wear a mask.</p>	<p>It might be good to try to eliminate the cover crop planting, instead, use the same Fall Lime and Compost prep we tried this past winter for raised beds . This simplifies so much and could work very well now that most of the weedyess has been eliminated with the compost layers and path covering.</p>

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PREPPING for RAISED BEDS			
<p>RAISED BED PREP for WINTER, (Either for Overwintering empty, or if planting a Winter Crop) using HOMEMADE COMPOST, MINED LIMESTONE FLOUR, and COMPOST</p>	<p>RAISED</p>	<p>RAISED BED PREP for WINTER using HOMEMADE COMPOST, MINED LIMESTONE FLOUR, and COMPOST **Replaces Planting of Clover, and is used to prep a Raised Bed for Winter or Spring planting. Add 7-5-7 at planting time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -All steps are included in this chore. Raised beds need no special prep before this chore is done after crops have been pulled. -Pull and store watering system. Take to the rack in the Compost Area marked for storage of the type of system pulled. -Pull timer assembly and store in shed. -Pull and store crop sign. -Weed bed and place weeds on the Long Term Pile. -Leave all woodchips and all mulch on the bed. It enriches the soil and will help retain moisture. -Sprinkle 6 cups of "Mined Limestone Flour" evenly over the entire bed and rake into soil. Find Mined Limestone Flour in the large metal can in the shed. ***Material is dusty. Wear a mask.*** NO 7-5-7 will be added until Spring Planting Day.*** -Spread 2 full wheelbarrows of Homemade Compost evenly over the bed. -Cover the entire surface of the bed with a 1" layer of Compost to prevent weeds, feed the soil microbes, and prevent erosion from wind and rain. <p>NOTES : The blend of Composts is important to activate the Microbes that enrich the soil. Bed will NOT have a cover crop of clover, and will be ready to plant in the Spring with only the addition of 7-5-7 and light weeding on Spring Planting Day.</p>	<p>This process replaces the planting of clover on a raised bed for winter, and also is the compost layer used as Final Prep for the following Spring. Fertilizer will need to be added in Spring before planting. * Forest Compost is included as it appears to be adding a great deal of benefit as per the success of the Strawberry beds this season.</p>
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		PULL CROPS note: THURSDAY WANTS TO PULL ALL CROPS that will be Shredded	
Pull crop (all or part) for soft leafy crops Parsley, arugula, spinach, sorrel and lettuce.	any	PULL CROP (or PULL PART OF CROP) - CROP NAME -Pull all crop from bed. OR -Pull plants between the (color) flags on the bed. -Knock off as much soil as possible off the roots into the bed. -Leave all edible crop on picnic table for gardeners to enjoy. -Cut off rootballs and place in rootball bucket near trimming table in Compost Area. -Tear up or cut up the soft leaves into small bite-size pieces, leave in the Compost bin. -Pull and store crop sign. -Pull and store watering system, roll system using the peg board in the water system Storage Area, hang on the correct rack for the type of system, tags are on the rack. -Store the Timer assembly in the Shed.	soft-leafy crop that does not need chipping (endive, radicchio, lettuce, etc)
Pull crop (all or part) for larger, sturdy crops such as chard, kale, broccoli, etc that needs to be chipped	any	THURSDAY - PULL CROP (or PULL PART OF CROP) - CROP NAME -Pull all crop from bed. OR -Pull plants between the (color) flags on the bed. -Leave all edible crop on picnic table for gardeners to enjoy. -Cut off rootballs and place in rootball bucket near trimming table in Compost Area. -Take plant tops to Drying Rack for chipping. -Pull and store crop sign. -Pull and store watering system, roll system using the peg board in the water system Storage Area, hang on the correct rack for the type of system, tags are on the rack. -Store the Timer assembly in the Shed.	crop with woody rootballs
Pull crop (all or part) For Peas, pole and bush beans.	any	PULL CROP (or PULL PART OF CROP) - CROP NAME -Pull all crop from bed. OR -Pull plants between the (color) flags on the bed. -Leave all edible crop on picnic table for gardeners to enjoy. -Take to Long Term Compost. -Pull and store crop sign. -Pull and store watering system, roll system using the peg board in the water system Storage Area, hang on the correct rack for the type of system, tags are on the rack. -Store the Timer assembly in the Shed.	Stringy long vines plug the chipper too easily.
NOTE*		OTHER KINDS of General chores could be added to this tab	