

# May Newsletter



## Transplanting Tips:

- If you haven't transplanted your potted vegetables into the ground, now is the time! Seedlings should ideally have 1-4 sets of true leaves before transplanting.
- Hardening off plants is an important step not to miss before moving your indoor seedlings outside. Small doses of sunshine and cold weather will help them acclimate to the outdoors.
- During this process, if your plants experience shock (wilting, yellowing or curling of leaves) make sure to water well and they should perk back up in a few days.



## Organic Practices for Pest Control:

- Companion planting involves growing certain plants together to maximize their benefits and deter pests. This works because some plants naturally repel bugs while others attract beneficial insects.
- Insecticidal soap spray:  
2.5 tbsp. liquid dish soap  
2.5 tbsp. of vegetable oil  
1 gal. of warm water.



Mix together and spray on plants affected by unwanted insects.

- Weed killer:  
1 gal. white vinegar  
1 tbsp. dish soap  
1 cup of salt

Mix together and spray on weeds.

## Plant Swap:

Suffolk Alliance for Pollinators is a coalition of local groups making Suffolk County a greener pollinator corridor through good gardening practices. They are hosting a plant swap Tuesday, May 21st from 6:00pm -8:00pm at the Huntington Public Library located at 338 Main Street, Huntington. Bring extra plants in a labeled pot to swap!

## Volunteer Clean Up Days!

Please bring your garden tools and gloves for some volunteer work to clean up the Kubecka Garden on:

Tuesday, June 4th at 10:00 am  
Thursday, June 6th at 10:00 am  
Friday, June 7th at 10:00 am

Please meet at the entrance of the garden at the start time and RSVP to [alerch@huntingtonny.gov](mailto:alerch@huntingtonny.gov).