

Garden Recipient: Mrs. Gardener

Visit date: 7/27/14

Mentor team: Helpalicious Gardenicious, sunflower Sam

What's working well:

- Mrs. Gardener's containers are producing a lot: tomatoes, peppers, collards, basil
- Perennial herbs look healthy and pruned back (and bees are loving them)
- She's sharing her produce with neighbors
- No signs or complaint of pests or disease
- Eager to start again – purchased seedlings and amendments for the back beds before we visited

What needs help (and what we did):

- Organization (helped her organize tools and planters, throw out unnecessary items so there is room to move around, she knows what she has, and the garden is a more inviting place)
- Lots of bermuda grass in the back boxes and side planters (showed proper weeding technique to get rhizomes out, proper disposal of weeds and why)
- Tomatoes need support (discussed support options for future plants, this one was pruned and too far gone)
- Watering more often (talked about every day for small containers and how to check)
- Composting (cleared out her bin, hands on showed her how to balance greens and browns, what not to put in there, and explained worm composting)
- Transplanting (talked about placement for new plants, moving container plants into the ground)
- One bed is falling apart (talked about strategies for propping it up, which plants to put there with minimal roots)
- Not harvesting enough (pointed out and harvested tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, talked about cutting back the collards to what she actually eats)

Next steps:

Mrs. Gardener was excited and motivated by all the organizing we did in the garden. She said she will keep organizing her space and plans to add amendments to the better intact bed and transplant seedlings in the next few days as well as work on weeding the other bed. She knows she can email us if she has more questions or runs into issues.