

**Schedule for the High Park Stewards Boulevard Beds Group - 2022**

**Goal:** continue volunteer stewardship of the Boulevard Beds native plant garden

**Activities:** tidy curb edges; remove litter; ensure driver and pedestrian sight lines along Colborne Lodge Drive and at parking lot entrances; observe & enjoy plants and wildlife in the Boulevard Beds; share information about native plant gardening with park visitors

We will follow City of Toronto Public Health guidelines and follow COVID-19 protocols to ensure safety including: masking, not sharing gardening tools, and social distancing

We look forward to participating in Sunday High Park Steward sessions when is it possible to do so.

<b>2022 Dates to be determined</b>	<b>Boulevard Beds Gardening Activities</b>
March	after snow melt and as weather warms - remove litter from beds; tidy curb edges prune/clear broken branches from shrubs; tidy up winter damage
April	remove litter; remove excess old plant material along bed perimeter leave plant stems standing and last year's leaves at the base of plants to protect overwintering insects
May	Ongoing maintenance: remove non-native grasses & weeds Once daytime temp. reaches 10C and there is no overnight frost, remove excess leaves and old plant material leave a cover of leaves for mulch; cut back old plant stems as new growth emerges; chop & drop some old plant material * request Ontario One locate for transplanting & planting
June	tidy curb edges; remove weeds Note growth of native plants and make list of needed plants to fill in areas cut back Goldenrod and Asters to promote more blooms later in the season
July	ongoing maintenance: weeding, tidying, pruning where needed
August	Boulevard Beds: maintenance as above
September	Boulevard Beds: Fall planting harvest some seed and drop in locations where new plants are desired (e.g., Verbena stricta, Butterfly Milkweed)
October	Boulevard Beds maintenance - remove excess leaves and stems around bed edges; chop and drop plant stems to provide habitat and mulch
November	Boulevard Beds cleanup - group leaves around native plants, remove some floppy stems especially along sidewalks and curb edges; leave native flowering plants & grasses standing to provide winter interest and habitat for wildlife & overwintering insects

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