



# Garden Vandalism and Theft



Most gardens experience occasional vandalism. If it happens, don't get too discouraged. Make adjustments, if necessary, and keep going!

## Prevent theft through relationships

From the start, involve as many neighbors as possible in the garden planning and launch. This helps create a sense of collective responsibility.

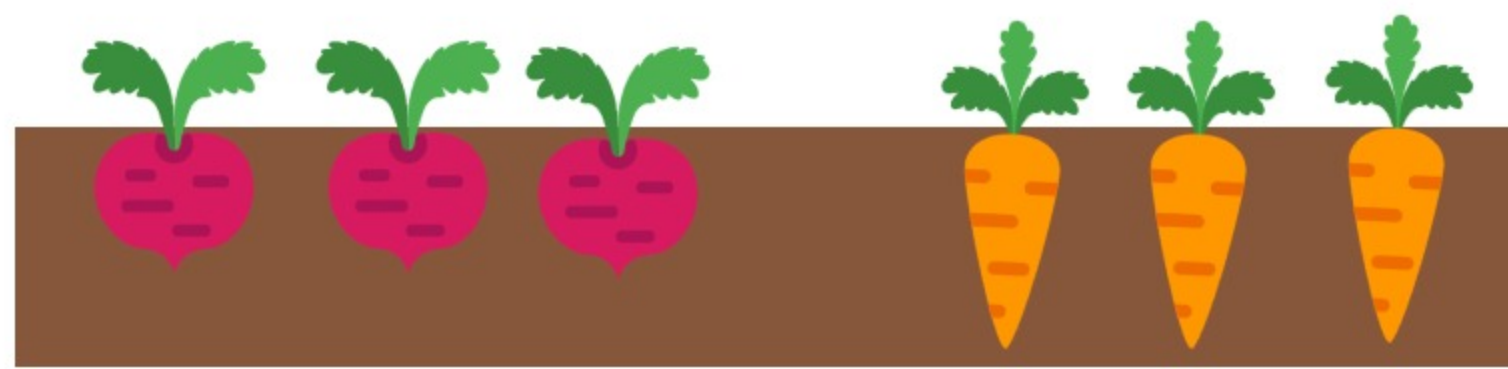


The most successful gardens are rooted in community with strong relationships!

Encourage gardeners to introduce themselves to people they don't recognize - tell them about the garden!

## Prevent theft by design

Some theft could be from hungry neighbors. Consider offering a bed that anyone can pick from, close to the sidewalk or entrance.



Try planting varieties of crops in untraditional colors- purple, green, yellow tomatoes, purple carrots and beans



## If it happens...

- ✓ Repair damage and replant immediately.
- ✓ Decide as a group what might be driving the challenge and what prevention strategies to use. If an infrastructure project would help remedy the situation make sure it's simple and and easy to maintain in terms of labor, cost, and repair.



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