

## What Tools Will I Need to Garden?

Just the basics to start...

A *hand trowel* is suitable for all small digging jobs when planting, taking up plants, turning up the earth, and more.

The *transplanting trowel* has depth measurement for quick reference, making it easy to plant or transplant small plants and seeds at the correct depth.

This *cultivator hand rake* with unique three-prong design is perfect for loosen soil, remove weeds, and aerate the soil.

The **weeder** can be used for stubborn weeds and loosen soil while causing minimum damage to the roots, ideal for removing dandelions, thistles, and other invasive weeds.

**Pruning shears** are essential for harvesting herbs, fruits, and vegetables, cutting thick stems and small branches, helpful later in summer when vegetable stems and vines are thick, necessary when cleaning up and putting the garden to bed in fall.

**Garden gloves** not only protect your hands from getting dirty but also protect you from injury. If you must deal with thorny branches or prickly plants, gloves will protect your hands and wrists from scratches, scrapes, and splinters.

## LOPD GARDENS PHOTO CONTEST

Proud of your new garden plot? The park district is excited to see your work. Take some pictures of your garden plot and submit one photo (your favorite) to the park district. Submissions will be judged, and the winning photo will appear on the Lan-Oak Park District Facebook page and in the next Winter/Spring Lan-Oak Park District program brochure.

- 1. Send your photo to:
- 2. mhavran@lanoakparkdistrict.org.
- 3. One entry per gardener.
- 4. Entry deadline is September 15, 2022.
- 5. Entries must include the gardener's full name and phone number, description of the photo, and garden plot #.
- 6. Winners will be notified by phone or email before being announced on our Facebook page.
- 7. The winning photo will appear in the next Lan-Oak Park District Winter/Spring program brochure.

