

Weed and Feed

The garden in Selfridge was planted into a very weedy area. However, once the burn down was done, very few weeds came back. While watering or harvesting, if a weed was spotted, it was pulled. There really were not very many.

No fertilizer was used on the garden the first year. Soil samples will be taken to see if anything will be needed for the next crop. The plants will be rotated in the garden, so the same species will not be grown in the same location two years in a row.



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Selfridge No-Till Garden Project
There's no thrill like no-till!

A step by step guide to no-till gardening



Garden established 2012

Our Garden Step by Step

1. Garden site selected. 20' X 50' site flagged. Grass (in our case, weeds) left to grow for a couple of weeks to establish some cover.

Garden site sprayed a week before planting.



2. Site sprayed with Round-up to burn down grass/weed growth. For organic growers, the site could be covered to kill off the grass.
3. After a week, plant the seeds. Large seeded plants were chosen. Use implements that cause little soil disturbance.
4. Water once a week, and patiently wait for the plants to emerge.
5. Mulch the garden once the plants are well established. The Selfridge garden was mulched

with straw and dried leaves.

Garden harvest



6. The Selfridge Garden was harvested as needed,

usually Mondays. The garden was watered once a week, usually Fridays. Over 300 pounds of produce was given to members of the community.

7. When all produce had been harvested, the stalks and vines were left to serve as a snow catch and mulch.
8. The garden was mulched one last time and watered to help hold the mulch in place.



The garden interested people of all ages.

2012 Seed Selection

Corn
Sunflowers
Pumpkins
Zucchini
Buttercup Squash
Gourds
Peas
String Beans
Potatoes
Tomato

Seeding Implements

Jab planter
Pick Axe
Heavy Duty Pizza Cutter
Screwdriver



Jab planters are available commercially.

Selfridge No-till Garden was planted using a pick axe.

