

# TOWER TIMES



**VOLUME 1**

# 2025 BOYCOTT CALENDAR

As Americans, our greatest leveraging power comes from being consumers. The billionaires who are destroying the country were created, in part, by our contributions as consumers. So, stop funding your own oppression! Fighting through boycott is incredibly effective – to collaborate efforts, here is a proposed boycott calendar which is circulating social media.

February	Shop Black-owned Stores
<i>*February 27-28: <b>Economic Blackout Day</b> - Don't buy anything*</i>	
March/April	Walmart
May/June	Target
July/August	Amazon
September	Walmart
October	Target
November/December	Protest All

This simple cooperative calendar is a small effort which can make great strides towards liberating our country from ultra rich fascists. If you'd like to boycott further, here are other companies directly supported the Trump administration directly:

Owner	Contribution	Owner	Contribution
Elon Musk	\$290 mill	Paypal	\$250,000
ABC Supply	\$11 mill	Instacart	\$100,000
British American Tobacco	\$10 mill	Airbnb	\$100,000
Jimmy John Liautaud of Jimmy John's	\$3.1 mill	Comcast	\$1 mill
Robinhood Markets	\$2 mill	Verizon	\$1 mill
OpenAI	\$1 mill	Intuit	\$1 mill
ExxonMobil	\$1 mill	Paypal	\$250,000
Amazon	\$1 mill	Coca Cola	\$250,000
Meta	\$1 mill	Instacart	\$100,000
Uber	\$1 mill	Airbnb	\$100,000

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# WELCOME TO TOWER TIMES

"Tower Times" is named for the 16th Major Arcana card in the Tarot which symbolizes danger, disaster, destruction, but also beneath it all liberation, rebirth, and renewal. The image of the Tower card shows a castle, set alight by a bolt of lightning, causing it to burn and collapse. This artwork shows unmistakable chaos and pain - but it also shows the fall of an empire. Inside the castle lives the wayward elite, who have elicited the punishment of the gods in the form of lightning. The castle falls, taking its regime with it as the bodies of the elite fall to the ground in a burning mass. The tower warns us of a chaotic upheaval, but it also promises a chance to rebuild something better and stronger than what came before. It is a chance to turn the tables on our oppressors and rise with renewed power.

This zine is intended to show the collective spirit of resistance against our increasingly Christo-fascist nationalist government. The cronies in power are picking apart democracy and whittling away our freedoms, laws, and communities. They feed on our fears, our prejudices, and attempt to turn us against one another so that we may never become strong and unified enough to rise up against them. The looming shadow cast by these authoritarians and despots threatens to blot out the very spirit of America - the liberated melting pot of the world. These billionaire criminals who have supplanted our government are doing so to simply fuel their hunger, greed, and deep insecurities, which has set them on an insatiable pursuit of power.

Capitalism is the fuel which has powered American fascism. We are consumer slaves to a capitalist system which has led us down a blood-soaked path and promises an even darker future. We must break this cycle - for our freedoms -for our futures.

So, this zine intends to help you resist through action, voice, consumer power, and self reliance.

Together, we can - We MUST - break this cycle. The fate of free people around the world depends upon it. By punching up, together with many hands united, we can break this machine which oppresses and exploits us.

## What is FASCISM, anyway?

1. Powerful, often exclusionary, populist nationalism centered on the cult of a redemptive, “infallible” leader who never admits mistakes.
2. Political power derived from questioning reality, endorsing myth and rage, and promoting lies.
3. Fixation with perceived national decline, humiliation, or victimhood.
4. White Replacement “Theory” used to show that democratic ideals of freedom and equality are a threat. Oppose any initiatives or institutions that are racially, ethnically, or religiously harmonious.
5. Disdain for human rights while seeking purity and cleansing for those they define as part of the nation.
6. Identification of “enemies”/scapegoats as a unifying cause. Imprison and/or murder opposition and minority group leaders.
7. Supremacy of the military and embrace of paramilitarism in an uneasy, but effective collaboration with traditional elites. Fascists arm people and justify and glorify violence as “redemptive”.
8. Rampant sexism.
9. Control of mass media and undermining “truth”.
10. Obsession with national security, crime and punishment, and fostering a sense of the nation under attack.
11. Religion and government are intertwined.
12. Corporate power is protected and labor power is suppressed.
13. Disdain for intellectuals and the arts not aligned with the fascist narrative.
14. Rampant cronyism and corruption. Loyalty to the leader is paramount and often more important than competence.
15. Fraudulent elections and creation of a one-party state.
16. Often seeking to expand territory through armed conflict.



(From “Characteristics of Fascism” from the Cohen Institute for Holocaust and Genocide Studies at Keene State University) <https://www.keene.edu/academics/cchgs/resources/presentation-materials/characteristics-and-appeal-of-fascism/download/>



## **RESISTANCE FIGHTERS**

In challenging times, it may seem as though we are encountering experiences for the first time or in an unfamiliar manner. Nevertheless, history provides us with examples of resistance fighters whose actions can guide and motivate us.

One notable couple is that of Claude Cahun, a French sculptor and photographer who defied gender norms and, alongside their partner, illustrator, photographer and designer, Marcel Moore, engaged in an anti-Nazi propaganda campaign. They covertly distributed notes to soldiers, incited rebellion, publicly criticized Hitler, and utilized their artistic talents to disseminate misinformation, creating the illusion of a larger resistance movement.



Additionally, they translated BBC broadcasts into German, exposing war crimes and discreetly placing these translations in locations where soldiers might find them. Their efforts led to an investigation by Nazi authorities, who mistakenly believed a larger group was involved.

Upon discovering Cahun and Moore as the culprits, they were sentenced to death. Fortunately, their execution was averted when the island of Jersey was liberated from German occupation just a year later.

# NONVIOLENT RESISTANCE PRIMER

1. First things first - **never obey in advance**. Power is given...don't give it freely. Fascism is unstable, but it takes resistance to help it crumble.
2. **Quiet Subversion**: Some of us don't have the safety or privilege to radically or loudly resist a corrupt system. Quiet subversion is a nonviolent, secret, and indirect attempt to undermine a system or organization. This can take many forms: non-compliance as a government employee, prank calls to corrupt senators, anonymous art efforts, subtle critiques, buttons or patches showing solidarity, detaching from bigoted friends/family/acquaintances, and more. An excellent source for quiet subversion is the CIA's "Simple Sabotage Field Manual," which details the power of subtlety through acts such as delayed repairs, interfering with basic communication, refusing to adequately train others, and other small acts of resistance to dismantle fascism:  
<https://www.cia.gov/static/5c875f3ec660e092cf893f60b4a288df/SimpleSabotage.pdf>
3. **Public Demonstrations of Protest**: This can take the form of marches, rallies, vigils, sit-ins, and more. Public displays serve to show numbers of support, embolden others, and is effective at swaying lawmakers and leaders to address community concern. But it's important to stay safe! Public protests are often highly emotional and can turn violent quickly. Here is a quick and general guideline to staying safe while protesting:
  - Write down emergency contacts and legal counsel information on your body in permanent marker, in case you lose your bag. Also...
  - Pack a bag! You're going to need essentials. We suggest:
  - Water and snacks - bonus points for extra to share
  - Your phone - encrypted and turned off or put into airplane mode
  - Basic first aid - essential medicines, exam gloves, bandages for wounds, compression bandages for sprains, electrolytes for heat exhaustion
  - Bandana or respirator/gas mask - riot protection
  - Goggles - protection for gas, smoke, pepper spray, dust
  - Tissues or moist towelettes
  - Cash and ID
  - Sun protection
  - Radios - optional, but not a bad idea to have
4. **Organize!** Organizing is an essential grassroots resistance effort, whether it's through protest marches, fundraisers, workshops, or more. Form unions, make networks with other resistance groups, make collective art projects.
5. **Boycott** - Don't fund your own oppression. This is deeply important for resisting capitalist corruption. Use your consumer power to fight evil. Here are some companies who support genocide and/or have donated to the Trump administration:  
<https://www.opensecrets.org/2024-presidential-race/donald-trump/contributors?id=N00023864>



## Nineteen Synonyms for Bigot

**Bigot** (n.) / 'big ət /

a person who is intolerant or hateful toward people whose race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, etc., is different from the person's own.

1. **Fanatic** (n.) / fə'næt ɪk / [ fuh-nat-ik ] a person with an extreme and uncritical enthusiasm or zeal, as in religion or politics.
2. **Racist** (n.) / 'reɪ sɪst / [ rey-sist ] a person who believes in racism, the doctrine that one's own racial group is superior or that a particular racial group is inferior to the others.
3. **Sectarian** (n.) / sɛk'tɛər i ən / [ sek-tair-ee-uhn ] a narrow-minded adherent of a sect. (adj.) narrowly confined or limited in interest, purpose, scope, etc.
4. **Zealot** (n.) / 'zɛl ət / [ zel-uh ] a person who displays excessive zeal - fervor for a person, cause, or object; eager desire or endeavor; enthusiastic diligence; ardor.
5. **Extremist** (n.) / ɪk'stri mɪst / [ ik-stree-mist ] 1.) a person who goes to extremes, especially in political matters. 2.) a supporter or advocate of extremes doctrines or practices.
6. **Maniac** (n.) / 'meɪ ni, sɛk / [ mey-nee-ak ] 1.) a raving or violently insane person; lunatic. 2.) any intemperate or overly zealous or enthusiastic person.
7. **Fiend** (n.) / fɪnd / [ feend ] a diabolically cruel or wicked person.
8. **Dogmatist** (n.) / 'dɒg mə tɪst, 'dɒg- / [ dawg-muh-tist, dog- ] a person who asserts their opinions in an unduly positive or arrogant manner.
9. **Supremacist** (n.) / sə'prɛm ə sɪst, sv- / [ suh-prem-uh-sist ] a person who believes in or advocates the supremacy of a particular group, especially a racial group.
10. **Chauvinist** (n.) / 'ʃəʊ vɛ nɪst / [ shoh-vuh-nist ] 1.) a person who is aggressively and blindly patriotic, especially one devoted to military glory. 2.) a person who believes one gender is superior to the other



11. **Sexist** (n.) / 'sɛk sɪst / [ sek-sist ] 1.) relating to discrimination or devaluation based on a person's sex or gender, especially such discrimination directed against women.
12. **Misogynist** (n.) / mɪ'sɒdʒ ə nɪst, mɪ- / [ mi-soj-uh-nist] 1.) a person who hates, dislikes, or mistrusts women. 2.) a person whose views are shaped by ingrained and institutionalized prejudice against women; a sexist
13. **Partisan** (n.) / 'pɑː tə'zæn / [ pahr-tuh-zuhn, -suhn; pahr-tuh-zan ] an adherent or supporter of a person, group, party, or cause, especially a person who shows a biased, emotional allegiance.
14. **Prejudiced** (adj.) / 'prɛdʒ ə dɪst / [ prej-uh-dist ] having a preconceived opinion or feeling, especially an unreasoning or unfavorable one; biased
15. **Purist** (n.) / 'pyʊər ɪst / [ pyoor-ist ] a person who advocates the strictest application of the principles or standards in any field, or who insists on purity in language, style, etc.
16. **Jingoistic** (adj.) / ,dʒɪŋ ɡɒv'ɪs tɪk / [ jing-goh-is-tik ] militantly nationalistic or chauvinistic
17. **Homophobe** (n.) / 'hɒv mə'fəʊb / [ hoh-muh-fohb ] a person who hates, fears, or scorns gay people or gay sexual orientation.
18. **Transphobia** (n.) / træns'fəʊ bi ə / [ trans-foh-bee-uh ] an aversion or hostility to, disdain for, or fear of transgender people.
19. **Xenophobic** (adj.) / ,zɛn ə'fəʊ bɪk, ,zɪ nə- / [ zee-nuh-foh-bik] 1.) relating to or exhibiting fear or hatred of foreigners, people from different cultures, or strangers. 2.) relating to or exhibiting fear or dislike of the customs, dress, etc., of people who are culturally different.

# Most Notable Donors to the Trump Campaign

Donor	Contribution	Donor	Contribution
Elon Musk	\$290 million	George Bishop of GeoSouthern Energy	\$2 million
Timothy Mellon	\$150 million	J. Joe Ricketts of TD Ameritrade	\$2 million
Adelson Clinic for Drug Abuse Treatment and Research	\$106 million	Chevron	\$2 million
Linda McMahon (WWE)	\$16 million	Robinhood Markets	\$2 million
Hendricks Holdin Co.	\$15 million	Andrew Beal of Beal Bank	\$1.8 million
Bigelow Aerospace	\$14.1 million	Don Ahern of Xtreme Manufacturing	\$1.1 million
Laura & Isaac Perlmutter Foundation	\$12.4 million	Roger Penske of Penske Corp	\$1.1 million
ABC Supply	\$11 million	Steve Wynn	\$1.1 million
Cantor Fitzgerald	\$11 million	Richard Kurtz of The Kampson Corporation	\$1.1 million
Uline	\$10 million	Antonio Gracias of Valor Equity Partners	\$1 million
Pratt Industries	\$10 million	Douglas Leone of Sequoia Capital	\$1 million
British American Tobacco	\$10 million	OpenAI	\$1 million
Souther Waste Systems	\$9 million	ExxonMobil	\$1 million
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Andreesen Horowitz	\$7 million	Meta	\$1 million
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Phill Ruffin	\$3.3 million	Carrier	\$1 million
Jimmy John Liataud of Jimmy John's	\$3.1 million	Intuit	\$1 million
Geoffrey Palmer	\$3 million	Coupang	\$1 million
Bernard Marcus former CEO of Home Depot	\$2.7 million	GE Vernova	\$1 million
Winklevoss twins	\$2.6 million	Qcells	\$500,000
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Kraken	\$1 million	Socure	\$100,000
Galaxy Digital Holdings	\$1 million	Barnes & Thorneburg LLP	\$100,000
Paradigm Operations	\$1 million	Comcast	\$1 million
Goldman Sachs	\$1 million	Verizon	\$1 million
Altria	\$1 million	Carrier	\$1 million
Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America	\$1 million	Intuit	\$1 million
Bayer	\$1 million	Coupage	\$1 million
Johnson & Johnson	\$1 million	GE Vernova	\$1 million
National Association of Manufacturers	\$1 million	Qcells	\$500,000
AT&T	\$1 million	Ericsson	\$500,000
Comcast	\$1 million	CoreCivic	\$500,000
Verizon	\$1 million	GEO Group	\$500,000
Ericsson	\$500,000	Abbott Laboratories	\$500,000
CoreCivic	\$500,000	Paypal	\$250,000
GEO Group	\$500,000	Oklo Inc	\$250,000
Abbott Laboratories	\$500,000	Coca Cola	\$250,000
Paypal	\$250,000	American Beverage Association	\$250,000
Oklo Inc	\$250,000	Syngenta	\$250,000
Coca Cola	\$250,000	International Flavors & Fragrances	\$250,000
American Beverage Association	\$250,000	Elevance Health	\$150,000
Syngenta	\$250,000	American Clean Power Association	\$100,000
International Flavors & Fragrances	\$250,000	Instacart	\$100,000
Elevance Health	\$150,000	Airbnb	\$100,000
American Clean Power Association	\$100,000	Socure	\$100,000
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Airbnb	\$100,000		

**BEWARE OF THE INCREDIBLE POWER OF...  
DEHUMANIZING PROPAGANDA!**

Finally,  
I have discovered  
the secret to  
ultimate power!!!

An ancient spell  
that weaponizes the  
media, turning my  
enemies into....

**SUBHUMANANS!!!**



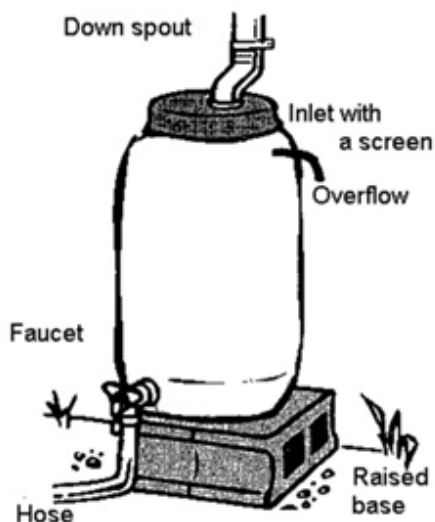
# Victory Gardens Plan for Food Security

Victory gardens, also known as war gardens or defense gardens, were planted for community resilience and food security during World War I and World War II. In addition to rationing tactics, they were used to reduce pressure on food supplies so that food could be more available to support war efforts. These gardens are optimized for planting on land which many Americans have available to them and also provide a good backbone for holistic community gardens. Victory gardens can be a boon to families struggling to afford food due to senseless tariffs imposed on food items. Before planting your garden, it's important to know a few things.

First, know your plant hardiness zone (these maps were updated in 2023 to reflect new regional climate averages in light of climate change). Maps of these zones can be found readily through USDA sources.

Second, you want to know the condition of your soil. You can get a soil test through your local Extension resources. Or you can plant and watch the plants for signs of deficiencies as they grow, then supplement as needed. Add compost or fertilizer beforehand to supply nitrogen, since it is the most important nutrient.

Third, be mindful of your water sources when planning the garden. Be sure the garden is close to an easy water supply, such as a hose or rain barrels. To sustainably harvest rainwater, you can set up rain barrels to collect water from your house or apartment gutters using a big barrel with one hole drilled in the top to feed the gutter and another at the bottom for a hose or spigot. That's a decent enough beginners guide so...



(Diagram: <https://mcsed.com/urban-conservation/rain-barrels>)

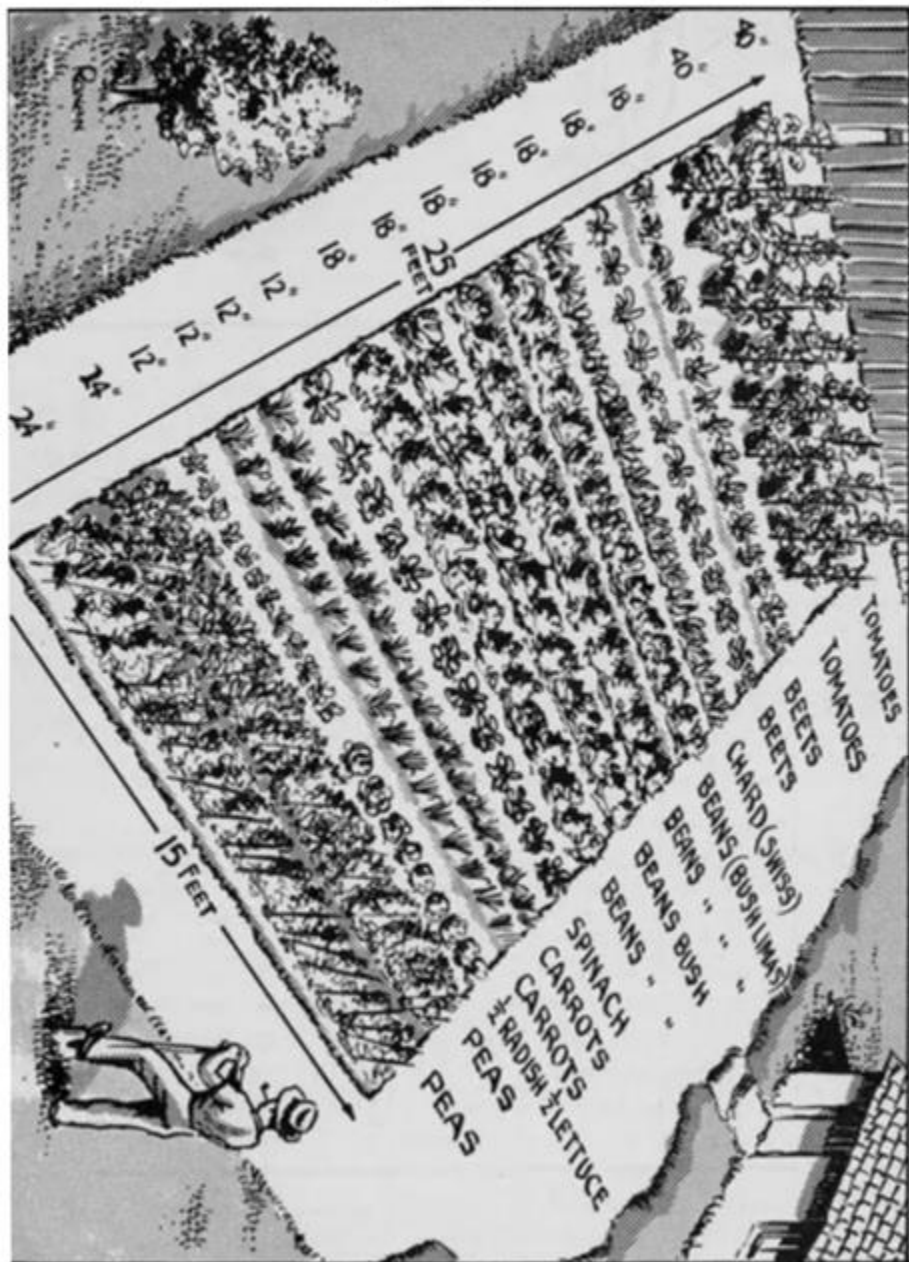
## Eat, Drink, and Be Merry! For tomorrow we may be....



Well, you don't need the reminder, times are dark enough.  
Yay, food!

This victory garden plan will provide most of the vegetables needed for a family of 2 to 4 people.

Pic from ABC of Victory Gardens Pamphlet, which is available in its entirety here: <https://www.ohiomemory.org/digital/collection/p267401coll32/id/71>





# Beginner Crops

**Kale** - plant 1/4 to 1/2 inches deep in sunny soil 4-5 weeks before the last frost, thin seedlings to 12-18 inches apart, harvest leaves as they're ready

**Beans** - beans can be easily grown from dry beans bought at the grocery store, are a great source of nutrition, and can fix nitrogen in the soil. A must-have for any garden!

- **Pole beans** - Think green beans or lima beans. Pole beans grow tall (10-15 feet high) and need pole or trellis to support them. They take up less horizontal space and more maintenance than bush beans. Their growing window is longer but they yield more beans.
- **Bush beans** - Think black beans, cannellini beans, and cranberry beans. Bush beans grow a few feet high then stop. They take up more horizontal space than pole beans but require less maintenance. Plant every two weeks for a constant supply of beans.

**Radishes** - Plant in full sun in the spring or autumn and they'll be ready in only 4 weeks. All parts of the radish plant are edible. Radish is an opportunistic crop that can be planted in any empty space around the garden. Great companion plant, as it deters pests from other plants.

**Carrots** - Plant 2-3 inches apart in sunny, well drained, sandy soils; sow 2-3 weeks before last frost by directly sowing 1/4 inch into soil (they don't like being transplanted). Check soil for clumps or rocks so carrots grow well. They may germinate slowly so be patient.

**Collard greens** - Plant 18-24 inches apart, 3-4 weeks before last frost or 6-8 weeks before first frost. Harvest leaves when long, young, and dark green. Like many thick leafed greens, collard greens are cold hardy - frost exposure will sweeten their leaves.

**Potatoes** - Plant it then forget about it! You know potatoes are ready when all the aboveground parts of the plant dies off. Seed once the soil is at least 50 F. Harvest them lazily - leaving some behind means they'll grow back next year! Also you can grow potatoes in just about anything, including bales of hay.

**Garlic** - Garlic likes sunny soil and cold weather, and does best planted in the fall. You can eat the green part (scapes) while you wait. Hardneck garlic is best for northern gardens, softneck for southern gardens (softneck doesn't grow scapes, but can be braided together for storage later)





**Zucchini** - Plant straight into garden at the end of spring planting season, no need to start in a greenhouse. Even the blossoms are edible and the squash fruit can be eaten at any point, some get very big. Be sure to watch out for slugs, snails, and squash borers!

**Tomatoes** - Plant 2-3 feet apart after the last frost. Tomatoes transplant well but need to be hardened off by setting them outdoors for short periods each day to adjust to temperatures. Prune off suckers (new tiny stems and leaves between branches) to produce more fruit. Determinate tomatoes grow to a set height then stop while indeterminate tomatoes can grow like a vine.

## Planting by Region



It's important to choose plants that like to grow in your region. Check your plant hardiness growing zone through the USDA website (<https://planthardiness.ars.usda.gov/>) which was updated in 2023 to reflect new regional averages in light of climate change effects.

### Plants for the North:

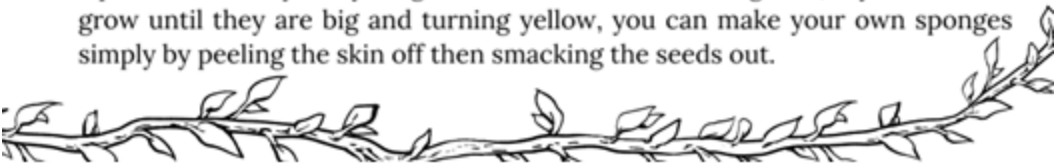
**Turnips** - Plant 1-2 inches apart and thin later. Whole plant is edible. Likes cool weather, good for soil compaction.


**Rutabaga** - Plant 12-18 inches apart 90 days before the first frost. Rutabaga is a very easy to grow and nutritionally dense crop.

### Plants for the South:

**Sweet potatoes** - Can be planted easily via slips, or rooted sprouts that grow out of the sweet potato. Sweet potatoes grow best in hot areas with long summers, as they need at least 4 months of heat, but they can grow in colder environments with the help of black mulch to keep the ground warm. Grows back easily each year, so harvest them neglectfully!

**Luffa** - This is squash which makes loofah scrubs - yes, like the ones you use in the shower. Luffa is a very prolific fruiter and can be eaten like a normal squash when they are young and less than 6 inches long. But, if you let them grow until they are big and turning yellow, you can make your own sponges simply by peeling the skin off then smacking the seeds out.





## Perennial Natives and Non-Invasives

There are lots of plants, native and non-invasive, which grow back year after year. Be sure to grow some to easily maximize the potential of your garden.

**Sunchokes** - Super easy crop - just plant and forget! Sunchokes like full sun and grow tall - try making a natural fence with them. They are prone to aphids, so be prepared to either treat for them or use the sunchokes as a trap crop to draw aphids away from the rest of the garden. Tubers are edible, like a potato but with a better glycemic index.

**Blackberries or raspberries** - These brambles like sunny, sheltered spots such as a forest edge of the side of a house. Plant them in early spring and watch for deer, who will do anything they can to get the berries.

**Strawberries** - Strawberries put off runners and will grow baby strawberry plants, making them great for an endless strawberry patch or to give some plants away to friends or people in your local community. Plant 12-18 inches apart in sunny soil.

**Lovage**- This is an awesome celery dupe that thrives on neglect. The roots, leaves, and seeds are edible.

**Sorrel** - Sow sorrel before the last frost in full sun or light shade. Eat it fresh or cooked. Plants live for several years.

**Walking onion** - Called walking onions because they produce topsets which cause the stem to flop over and replant itself. This means your onion patch will slowly but continuously grow each year if you let it. Walking onions like full sun, grow well in clumps, and have edible bulbs and leaves.

**Trees** - Trees are a time investment before they start fruiting. However, if treated well they will reliably produce food each year once established. Choose trees that are suitable to your area, and be patient - it may take a while!

# “Embracing Compassion in Turbulent Times”

## *Wisdom from a Buddhist friend*

In the face of adversity, it's easy to lose sight of our values. Yet, it's precisely during these challenging moments that we must remember to embody warmth, compassion, and kindness – even towards those who may appear to be foes.

The Awakened Ones' Vow reminds us to tap into our fearless hearts, cultivating a path of wisdom, compassion, nonviolence, and skillful means. When confronted with adversity, let us take a deep breath and reflect on the karma that has led us to this moment.

Rather than reacting impulsively, we can choose to respond with compassion and empathy. This requires recognizing the inherent goodness within ourselves and others, even in the face of negativity.

So, what can we do?

The answer is simple: a lot! We can start by connecting with like-minded individuals who share our compassionate values. Instead of perpetuating negativity, let's offer a helping hand to those in need.

It's time to shift our focus from pointing fingers to taking action. We must identify where our efforts can make the most impact and invest our time and energy accordingly. The call to action is clear. Will we answer?

By choosing loving, compassionate actions, we can create a ripple effect of kindness that resonates deeply within our hearts and throughout the world.



## Protect Yourself!

Many government departments are being torn apart, rewritten, redacted, and censored. Be sure you have a copy of your **driver's license/state ID, birth certificate, social security card, and a current passport.**

If you have paid into social security, go to [ssa.gov](https://ssa.gov) and download your data (go to accounts, setup login, and then download your Social Security Statement) to backup. Additionally, download your student loan statement at [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov) or your relevant loan provider.

Also, **GET A VPN!**

## Stop paying for your own oppression!

Boycott billionaires and their sneaky, privacy-violating software without compromising your quality of entertainment and life. Switch to **Free Open-Source Software**, or **FOSS**, which are community created, supported, and enabled and don't line the pockets of billionaires (many have great privacy options too). These FOSS are must-have for activists!

- The **Tor Project** believes in online anonymity and provides a free internet browser which prevents tracking and monitoring, in addition to many other great resources: [www.torproject.org](https://www.torproject.org)
- **Signal** provides private text, voice and video calls with end-to-end encryption: [signal.org](https://signal.org)
- **Proton** provides encrypted, privacy focused, secure email and drive options similar to Gmail or Outlook: [mail.proton.me](https://mail.proton.me)
- **F-Droid** is an alternative to Play Store for mobile apps: [f-droid.org](https://f-droid.org)
- Check out other great FOSS alternatives ([github.com/geraldohomero/best-foss-alternatives](https://github.com/geraldohomero/best-foss-alternatives)) or through your own research.

## Helpful Organizations

- The **American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)** protects individuals' constitutional rights and freedoms in the United States: [www.aclu.org](https://www.aclu.org)
- The **Human Rights Campaign (HRC)** advocates for LGBTQ+ rights: [www.hrc.org](https://www.hrc.org)
- The **Transgender Law Center** advocates for people's legal rights and self-determination: <https://transgenderlawcenter.org/>
- The **Sherlock's Homes Foundation** provides housing, employment, and a support system for unhoused LGBTQ+ young adults: <https://sherlockshomes.org/>
- **GLAAD** focuses on LGBTQ+ advocacy and cultural change: <https://glaad.org/>
- The **Climate Science Legal Defense Fund** advocates for scientists' ability to conduct, publish, and discuss their research without threat of political harassment, censorship, or legal intimidation: <https://www.csldf.org/>
- **Immigration Impact** is a resource for topics related to immigration: <https://immigrationimpact.com/>
- The **American Immigration Council** works on shaping and strengthening immigration policies and have many great resources for immigrants (including legal): <https://www.americanimmigrationcouncil.org/>
- **Know Your IX** empowers students to end sexual and gender-based violence in their schools: <https://www.advocatesforyouth.org/campaigns/know-your-ix/>
- The **Legal Lambda Defense and Education Fund** is a civil rights organization focused on LGBTQ+ advocacy: <https://lambdalegal.org/>
- The **Midwest Access Coalition** is a practical abortion fund which helps people travel for safe, legal abortion access: <https://www.midwestaccesscoalition.org/>
- The **Southern Poverty Law Center** focuses on civil rights advocacy, legal action against hate groups, and promoting tolerance education: <https://www.splcenter.org/>
- **PEN America** protects free expression in the U.S., especially for writers and artists: <https://pen.org/>
- **Planned Parenthood** provides a plethora of productive health services such as birth control, abortion, sex education, prenatal care, STI screenings, and reproductive cancer: <https://www.plannedparenthoodaction.org/>
- **NAACP** focuses on grassroots activism for civil rights and social justice: <https://naacp.org/>

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