GUNS TO GARDENS

Sunday, September 7, 2025 2:00 P.M. - 5:00 PM

Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration 14115 Hillcrest Ave. Dallas, Texas 75254



DALLAS COUNTY SAFE DISPOSAL EVENT Turning Unwanted Guns into Garden Tools

Dallas County's first safe disposal event for unwanted firearms is taking place on Sunday, September 7, 2025. This much needed event is part of the national "Guns to Gardens" movement working to reduce gun violence by decreasing the number of guns in homes and our communities. Unwanted guns are dismantled by trained volunteers according to guidelines from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and the leftover parts are then forged into garden tools.

With nearly half a billion guns in American homes, many guns are no longer wanted. Gun owners may have children or grandchildren in the home, a hunter may have reached an age where they no longer feel they can safely handle a firearm, a gun may have been returned to family by the police after it was used in a suicide or unintentional shooting or there may be conflict or a serious mental health concern within in a family—for whatever reason, Guns to Gardens provides a way to dispose of unwanted guns without returning them to the gun marketplace where they could be used for future harm.

We invite you to support and participate in Guns to Gardens. Our Dallas partners to date for this historic event include Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration, NorthPark Presbyterian Church, Wilshire Baptist, Royal Lane Baptist, St. Luke UMC, Temple Shalom, Faith United Presbyterian Church, <u>Presbyterian Peace Fellowship</u> and <u>RAWTools</u>.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

We are seeking donors and sponsors to help provide the proper and safe disposal of unwanted firearms of all kinds. Our goal is to raise \$10,000 for this event to cover needed supply expenses and the purchase of gift cards as a token of gratitude for persons donating unwanted guns. We hope this event is part of transforming our trauma individually and collectively, as we work together to build a more just and peaceful world. To make a tax deductible gift that will reduce gun violence in Dallas County, please mail checks to Our Democracy, 3526 Lakeview Pkwy B-181, Rowlett, TX 75088 - note "Guns2Gardens" in the memo line. For on-line donation, use the QR code below.



For more information or to volunteer at Guns to Gardens on September 7th, please email dallascountyguns2gardens@gmail.com