

# SAFE SURRENDER EVENT

*They shall beat their swords into plowshares  
and their spears into pruning hooks.*

— Isaiah 2:4



*Blessed are the peacemakers.*

## Guns to Gardens

### What is Guns to Gardens?

After the shooting at the Sandy Hook School in Dec. 2012, Mennonite pastor Mike Martin felt a call to become a blacksmith and forge unwanted guns into garden tools. He founded RAWtools as a network of blacksmiths across the nation. Soon he was joined by theologian Shane Claiborne and by New Mexicans to Prevent Gun Violence who christened the project “Guns to Gardens.” It began to grow.

**JOIN US SATURDAY  
12.09.23**

10:30AM - 1:30PM

**Webster Groves Presbyterian Church**  
45 W. Lockwood Ave, 63119  
(enter parking lot on Lockwood  
and follow the signs)

**NOTE:** Please only bring guns to be surrendered. All guns should be unloaded and in the trunk of the vehicle. Guns will be dismantled on site while you wait.

After a mass shooting in the nearby grocery store in 2021, Community United Church of Christ in Boulder, CO offered a “Gun Safe Surrender” event in their parking lot. Dozens of **firearms were surrendered and turned into garden tools.** The idea of churches offering this **healing, spiritual, and practical service** was born. In March 2022 the Denver Broncos football team hosted a Guns to Gardens event at their stadium in Mile High, CO, transforming 189 guns. That June 11, on a single day, churches and others across the USA dismantled over 1,000 guns.

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