



**Guns to Gardens:
Safe-Surrender
Gun Buyback**

**Saturday, June 10th
11am – 1pm**

at

**Church of the Epiphany:
the Episcopal Church in Euclid, Ohio
21000 Lakeshore Blvd**

*All firearms must be UNLOADED and transported securely
(trunk of vehicle preferred).*

No ammunition can be accepted.

Gift cards available for guns turned in.

*Firearms will be destroyed on site then transformed into
garden tools and other life-giving items*

See the forge in action on the day!



Guns to Gardens is a movement among faith-based organizations across the country to intervene in gun violence. In June 2022 we held our first national series of safe-surrender gun buyback events, seeking to promote public

safety and confidence by dismantling surrendered firearms, and inspiring alternatives to violence through the transformation of those guns into garden tools and similar, life-giving items.

The Church of the Epiphany will once again host a Safe-Surrender Gun Buyback and Guns to Gardens program on Saturday, June 10th, 2023, from 11am to 1pm.

Gun buybacks and safe-surrender events promote public safety by giving individuals and family members the opportunity safely to dispose of unwanted and/or unsecured guns to help reduce the risk of homicides, suicides, unintentional or accidental shootings, domestic violence, and keep guns from getting into the wrong hands. These events are just one part of a multifaceted approach to end the gun violence public health crisis in our nation. The events help to elevate the conversation on the dangers of having a gun in the home and in our communities and promote safe storage practices. A safe-surrender gun buyback is anonymous and 100% voluntary; it does not interfere with anyone's right or ability to own a gun.

The transformation of guns into gardening tools is another step in interrupting violence through the promotion of life-giving, community-building action. It is a visible way of living into the words of the prophets: "They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks... they shall sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees" (Micah 4:3,4).

The forge will be fired up on June 10th, and will be available to visit community gardens and other nurturing spaces throughout the summer. Email epiphanyeuclid23@sbcglobal.net for more information.