

Gardening in Philly

GET INVOLVED WITH PHILLY'S URBAN AGRICULTURE PLAN

Philadelphia's first Urban Agriculture Plan, Growing from the Root, got off to a great start with a well attended public meeting on December 3rd, 2019. The Plan is currently in progress, and is fueled by the input and involvement of growers and gardeners, community advocates, City agencies, partner organizations, and others who care about the future of urban agriculture in Philadelphia. Due to COVID-19 Coronavirus public safety protocols, we are postponing the public meetings for the Plan, however we are developing a robust online engagement process until we return to public meetings. We look forward to continuing this work together and apologize for any inconvenience. Stay tuned for updates in the coming weeks here:

<http://www.phillyagplan.co/roots>

VOLUNTEER OPTION

Urban Tree Connection (UTC) is a small community-based organization. Their mission is to build a neighborhood-rooted food and land system through community leadership development and land based strategies in West Philadelphia. UTC is looking for individuals and small group volunteers to help with vegetable production at their gardens and farm. Contact Jen at jen@urbantreeconnection.org if interested in learning more

ONLINE LESSONS

- The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society (PHS) is offering [free virtual gardening lessons](#) through their Garden Tenders program. Some examples are "Organic Food Growing for Beginners" and "PHS Kids", a play-along class for younger ones. For more information or to sign up, email communitygardens@pennhort.org.

- Learn about best practices for growing vegetables in containers, raised beds, and in-ground beds from Penn State Extension educators and Master Gardeners through the Victory Garden Series: 9 sessions live each week on Tuesday from 12pm to 1pm. Recordings become available the following day:

<https://extension.psu.edu/shopby/webinars?keyword=%22victory%20garden%20reinvented%22>

- Do you have a sick plant, a weed you just can't seem to identify, or a burning need for horticultural advice? Expert Master Gardeners and Extension Educators from across the state will be answering questions during their new program, "Garden Hotline LIVE". Submit questions for the live show here:

<https://extension.psu.edu/programs/master-gardener/demonstration-gardens/garden-hotline-live>



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ONLINE RESOURCES

- Join the [Philadelphia Urban Farm Network](#) Google listserv to stay up to date on events and resources in Philadelphia's urban agriculture community. This is a great place to ask questions to a group of professional and hobbyist growers.

- Get tips on when to plant from the [Penn State Master Gardener Philadelphia Planting Guide](#)

UPCOMING PLANT SALE

Bartram's Garden is offering [curbside pickup](#) for its annual plant sale. Preorder by May 10th to reserve a pickup or a pickup slot for either May 16th or 23rd.

VIRTUAL TOUR OF EDIBLE LANDSCAPES

Philly Orchard Project (POP) and The Woodlands just published a new [edible landscape virtual tour](#) which can be used in combination with a visit to this beautiful green space in West Philadelphia.

JOIN A CSA

Philly Foodworks

Lancaster Farm Fresh

Taproot Farm

Other options: <https://www.phillymag.com/be-well-philly/csa-farm-share-philadelphia/>



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