



NGT Community Garden Resources 2025

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NGT All Gardeners Google Group

- Sign-up at <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/ngtgardeners/join>

PHS Community Gardens Program

- **PHS Community Gardens Program sign-up and information page**
 - <https://phsonline.org/programs/community-gardens>
- **PHS Community Gardens program portal for enrolled gardens**
 - <https://phsonline.org/community-gardens-network>
- **PHS Tool Library at Glenwood Green Acres – Tool Sign-up Information**
 - <https://phs.myturn.com/library/>

If you have any questions about the PHS program, please contact the Gardens Team at communitygardens@pennhort.org

Compost, mulch, and wood chips

- **Fairmount Park Organic Recycling Center**, the Department of Parks and Recreation has an organic recycling center in West Fairmount Park. Materials available for pick up are compost, wood chips, shredded wood mulch and herbivore manure.
 - Location: 3850 Ford Road, Philadelphia, PA 19131 - 215-685-0108
 - <https://www.phila.gov/services/trees-parks-the-environment/get-organic-materials/>
- **Bennett Compost**, manure from the Saul dairy barn and the Philadelphia Zoo and vegetable waste from Bennett Compost into high-quality compost for resale. (Email info@bennettcompost for info about compost deliveries.)

- **Community Compost Network**, Farm Philly develops composting facilities in parks and community gardens. Requires agreement to let the public access the composting facilities.
 - [Community composting | Programs and initiatives | City of Philadelphia](#)
 - Email farmphilly@phila.gov for more information.

PWD and water access

- Guide to obtaining water access, charitable discount, and stormwater exemption [PWD Urban Garden Guide](#)

Community Garden and Urban Agriculture Knowledge Hubs

- **PHS McLean Library Subject Guides on Community Gardening**
<http://pennhort.libguides.com/CommunityGardening>
- **Philadelphia Food Policy Advisory Council** – resources related to soil safety and urban agriculture - <http://phillyfpac.org/>
- **Philadelphia Urban Farm Network** -
<https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/pufn>
- **Philadelphia Orchard Project Resource Collection**- [Resources – Philadelphia Orchard Project](#)
- **Xerces Society**, Planting guide for Mid-Atlantic pollinator habitat -
<https://xerces.org/publications/plant-lists/native-plants-for-pollinators-and-beneficial-insects-mid-atlantic>
- **Penn State Extension Philadelphia Master Gardeners Horticulture hotline (HortLine)**
Master Gardeners can answer questions pertaining to the appropriate selection of vegetables, ornamental plants, pesticides, soil, plant identification, pruning, compost, mulch, insect control, plant diseases and more.
E-mail PhiladelphiaMG@psu.edu with "Hortline" in the subject line. Please give your question, name, and contact phone number. You can include photos if you wish.

Soil Testing

- **Penn State Agricultural Analytical Services Lab** - Soil test kits located at Penn State Extension Philadelphia County
- **University of Mass soil test lab** - Their \$20 test covers basic heavy metals
<http://ag.umass.edu/services/soil-plant-nutrient-testing-laboratory>



Tree Work

- **Tree Tenders** – connect with a local Tree Tenders group to learn more about tree planting and care - <https://phsonline.org/programs/tree-programs/get-a-tree>
- **Tree Authority**- 602 Minsi Trail, Perkasie, PA 18944- (215)694-9607
Hasan@TreeAuthority.net
- **TreeKen**- 3315 Baring Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104 (267) 243-4356
kenyanoviak@gmail.com
- **Shechtman Tree Care** - 1722 Rockwell Rd, Abington, PA 19001 – (215) 776-8733
info@shektree.com
- **Bartlett Tree Care** - 152 Montgomery Ave. Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004 – (610)-664-4200
<https://www.bartlett.com>

Free or low-cost plants and trees

- **Tree Philly**, reserve up to 2 free yard trees every spring and fall- <https://treephilly.org/>
- **Get a street tree**, from the City of Philadelphia - <https://www.phila.gov/services/trees-parks-the-environment/tree-related-services/get-a-street-tree/>
- **Xerces Society**, Mid-Atlantic monarch butterfly and pollinator habitat kit grant program - <https://xerces.org/pollinator-conservation/habitat-kits/mid-atlantic>
- **City Harvest**, provides free seedlings multiple times a year in exchange for donating a portion of the produce- access through the PHS Community Gardens Network- <https://phsonline.org/programs/community-gardens>
- **Philadelphia Orchard Project**, partners with community green spaces to plant and maintain orchards- <https://www.phillyorchards.org/orchards/>

Small grants for garden improvements

- **Block Captains Beautification Program**, \$500 grant towards supplies and equipment
<https://keepitcleanphilly.org/>
- **Feet First Philly**, up to \$2000 towards public space enhancement
<https://feetfirstphilly.org/public-space-enhancement-minigrant-2024/>