COMMUNITY & GARDENING EVENTS

ECOQUEST CHALLENGE • THE NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN
EcoQuests, part of the NYC EcoFlora Project, challenge New Yorkers to become citizen scientists and observe, study, and help conserve the native plants and animals of the City using iNaturalist, an easy-to-use mobile app. Each month, take part in a new challenge to help document the city’s living things.

http://bit.ly/2i651XD

AQUATIC PLANTS FOR THE GARDEN POND • NYC URBAN PARK RANGERS & GREENTHUMB
Wednesday, October 2 • 5:30–7 p.m.
La Plaza Cultural • 674 E. 9th Street
Join NYC Parks’ Urban Park Rangers for a look at some of the aquatic plants that can grow in small urban ponds. This workshop will cover plant choices, aquatic habitat creation, and maintenance considerations for garden ponds, as well as an overview of the GreenThumb Gardeners’ Handbook rules and regulations around ponds in community gardens.

GROW YOUR OWN NATURAL PLANT-BASED DYES • THE NATURAL KNITTING PROJECT & GREENTHUMB
Saturday, October 5 • 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
Green Patch on Walton • 110 E. 176th Street
Did you know that many common garden herbs and flowers can be used to make natural dyes? Join urban farmer and artist Sajata Epps to learn the basic techniques for using plants to create beautiful colors.

BRONX FIT FEST • NYC PARKS
Saturday, October 5 • 11 a.m.–3 p.m.
Saint James Park • 2250 Jerome Ave
Join us for free fitness and dance classes, healthy living tips, wellness screenings, and more! All ages and abilities welcome! Activities include: yoga and meditation, outdoor spin classes, chairobics, and tennis.

SAFE DISPOSAL EVENT • NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF SANITATION
Saturday, October 5 • 10 a.m.–4 p.m.
Orchard Beach Parking Lot • Pelham Bay Park
The NYC Department of Sanitation is holding a series of SAFE Disposal Events (Solvents, Automotive, Flammable, and Electronics) to provide NYC residents with a one-stop method to get rid of harmful household products. Materials accepted include common household products such as auto fluids, batteries, electronics, strong cleaners, medications, paint and more.

IT’S MY PARK • TEDDY BEAR PROJECT
Sunday, October 6 • 11 a.m.–3 p.m.
River Park • E. 180th St and Boston Rd
Volunteer with us to plant pollinator-friendly wildflowers in the park flowerbeds. We look forward to beautifying the park with you! For more information, please contact Teddy Bear Project and Roseanne at CQ4CATS11@gmail.com
STREET TREE CARE PLANTING DAY • TEDDY BEAR PROJECT
Sunday, October 20 • 11 a.m.–3 p.m.
West Farms MTA Bus Terminal Sidewalk • 1100 E. 177th St and Bronx Park Ave
At this event, participants will weed out tree beds and plant pollinator-friendly native wildflowers while engaging the community and meeting new friends. Light refreshments will be provided. Please bring a reusable water bottle and dress for the weather. This is a rain or shine event!

PUMPKIN PAINTING • GREENTHUMB
Thursday, October 24 • 3:30–5:30 p.m.
United We Stand Community Garden & 138th Street Community Garden • 627 E. 137th Street
It’s that time of year to use your creative chops and turn pumpkins into festive decorations. GreenThumb will have pumpkins and paint ready, while supplies last. Please bring any other supplies and decorations to add to the beauty of your seasonal creation. This is a great workshop for the whole family! This workshop will be offered with Spanish translation.

STATEN ISLAND COMPOST FACILITY TOUR
Sunday, October 20 • 10 a.m.–3 p.m.
Staten Island Compost Facility • 600 West Service Road, SI, NY, 10314
Join DSNY for a behind-the-scenes tour of our Staten Island Compost Facility and learn how we take your food scraps and yard waste from curbside collection to finished compost! This is a family-friendly event; play games, win prizes, and meet our compost mascots--Scrappy and Leif!
Parking is available. Free shuttle transportation is also available to and from the Staten Island Ferry throughout the morning. Admission is free. Registration is required. https://compost-tour.eventbrite.com
*Please wear closed-toe shoes and full-length pants for your safety*

ORGANIZING FOR GARDEN SUCCESS: GROUP STRUCTURE • GREENTHUMB
Thursday, October 29 • 5:30 p.m.-8 p.m.
GreenThumb Office • 100 Gold Street, Third Floor Grand Conference Room
Disorganization creates dysfunction. This two-part workshop series is designed to help your garden group build a strong foundation to deal with the many issues that arise in a community space. In this workshop, we will discuss different examples of group structure and how they can help alleviate stressful decision making. Registered GreenThumb gardeners who attend both sessions will be eligible to receive a free book to share with their garden group (one per garden group, while supplies last).

FOOD SCRAP DROP-OFFS • For more information visit: https://on.nyc.gov/dropfoodscraps

LEHMAN COLLEGE VOLUNTEERS
Mondays • 8–10 a.m.
Lehman College • Quad near Shuster Hall

WOODYCREST COMMUNITY GARDEN VOLUNTEERS
Mondays • 8 a.m.–12 p.m.
Woodycrest Community Garden • 94 West 162nd Street

MOSHOLU PRESERVATION VOLUNTEERS
Mondays • 12–4 p.m.
Mosholu Preservation • 3400 Reservoir Oval East

THE CHURCH OF THE MEDIATOR VOLUNTEERS
Tuesdays • 8–10 a.m.
The Church of the Mediator • West 231st Street and Kingsbridge Avenue

MEG’S COMMUNITY GARDEN VOLUNTEERS
Tuesdays & Thursday • 4 p.m.–Dusk • Seasonal: May–November
Meg’s Community Garden at Dewitt Clinton High School Campus • 100 West Mosholu Parkway

NEW ROOTS COMMUNITY FARM VOLUNTEERS
Tuesdays • 3–7 p.m. • Seasonal: April–October
New Roots Community Farm • 670 Grand Concourse

PRAXIS HOUSING VOLUNTEERS
Wednesdays • 9 a.m.–12 p.m.
Praxis Housing • 4339 White Plains Road

BAINBRIDGE AVENUE COMMUNITY GARDEN & NORWOOD CSA VOLUNTEERS
Wednesdays • 4–7 p.m. • Seasonal: June 26–November
Bainbridge Avenue Community Garden • 2980 Bainbridge Avenue

BROOK PARK VOLUNTEERS
Saturdays • 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
Brook Park • 494 East 141 Street

KELLY STREET GARDEN VOLUNTEERS
Saturdays • 10 a.m.–2 p.m. • Seasonal: March–November
Kelly Street Garden • 924 Kelly Street

TARGET BRONX COMMUNITY GARDEN VOLUNTEERS
Fridays • 10:30 a.m.–2 p.m. & Saturdays • 12–4 p.m.
Target Bronx Community Garden • 1025 Anderson Avenue

RESOURCES

DEPARTMENT OF SANITATION COMPOST GIVEBACKS
The NYC Department of Sanitation (DSNY) is making compost with your food scraps and yard waste! All New Yorkers can take advantage of this valuable resource. Visit www.nyc.gov/getcompost.

DEPARTMENT OF SANITATION ORGANICS COLLECTION
The NYC Department of Sanitation (DSNY) collects food scraps and yard waste to turn them into compost. DSNY is expanding NYC Organics to serve all New Yorkers with either curbside service or convenient neighborhood drop-off sites. Find out about your eligibility for curbside collection of organics and options for recycling organics in your neighborhood by visiting www.nyc.gov/organics.

ZERO WASTE PLEDGE SCHOOLS
The Department of Education’s Office of Sustainability and the Department of Sanitation are excited to introduce the next chapter in Zero Waste Schools. Schools will be required to complete three phases of operational and educational activities—in return they will receive a one-on-one consultation and recycling materials. Find our more information by visiting https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/zws/contest/announcements.shtml

NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN COMMUNITY GROUNDS MEMBERSHIP FOR IDNYC CARDHOLDERS
The New York Botanical Garden (NYBG) is pleased to participate by providing a complimentary Community Grounds Membership to IDNYC cardholders. For more information about obtaining an IDNYC, please call 311 or visit the City’s IDNYC web site: http://www1.nyc.gov/site/idnyc/benefits/benefits.page.

NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN GROUNDS MEMBERSHIP WITH CULTURE PASS
The New York Botanical Garden is pleased to participate in the Culture Pass program by providing complimentary Grounds-Only Pass access on weekdays. Passes must be reserved online in advance via the Culture Pass website. [https://www.culturepass.nyc/faq](https://www.culturepass.nyc/faq)

**COMMUNITY SEED DONATIONS • SEED SAVERS EXCHANGE**
They donate seeds each year to hundreds of gardens across the United States.
[https://www.seedsavers.org/seed-donation-program](https://www.seedsavers.org/seed-donation-program)

**EQUIPMENT LOAN LIBRARY • CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR NEW YORK CITY**
Equipment Share gives neighborhood leaders free and easy access to digital cameras, video projectors, projection screens, tents and amplifiers. [http://www.citizensnyc.org/equipment-loan-library](http://www.citizensnyc.org/equipment-loan-library)

**NATIVE TREE SEEDLING • NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION**
The National Wildlife Federation provides free native tree seedlings to partners who in turn plant them through local restoration projects or community tree giveaway events. [https://www.nwf.org/Trees-for-Wildlife/Request-Trees](https://www.nwf.org/Trees-for-Wildlife/Request-Trees)

**GARDENS FOR THE CITY • NEW YORK RESTORATION PROJECT**
Is there a community space in your neighborhood you’d like to see transformed? If so, apply for help from NYRP below. They provide support for project of various scales—from building a few vegetables beds to large-scale restoration work. [https://www.nyrp.org/gardensforthecity](https://www.nyrp.org/gardensforthecity)

**SEEDLINGS AND PLANTS • GOWANUS CANAL CONSERVANCY**
All school and community gardens now receive a 35% discount on GCC native plants! [https://gowanuscanalconservancy.org/nursery/](https://gowanuscanalconservancy.org/nursery/)

**LOVE YOUR CITY VOLUNTEER PROGRAM • CITIZENS COMMITTEE OF NYC**
Looking for extra volunteers? Citizens Committee for New York City’s Love Your City program brings corporate volunteer groups to help out with one-time community projects. Group sizes range from 5 to 75 people and work days generally range from 2 to 5 hours. Whether you want help painting, planting, tutoring kids, or something else, we would love to lend a whole bunch of hands. Contact Andrew at arohrberger@citizensnyc.org or (212) 822-9555.

**FARMER’S MARKET • LA FAMILIA VERDE**
Come celebrate with us every Tuesday from 8 a.m.–2 p.m. in Tremont Park at Tremont Ave between La Fontaine and Arthur Ave. Meet the farmers who grow the food right in your local neighborhood. [https://bestfarmersmarkets.org/place/la-familia-verde-farmers-market-bronx-ny.html](https://bestfarmersmarkets.org/place/la-familia-verde-farmers-market-bronx-ny.html)

**THE DAFFODIL PROJECT • NEW YORKERS FOR PARKS**
Every fall NY4P gives away approximately half a million daffodil bulbs to individuals and groups planting them in New York City public spaces such as parks, schoolyards, community gardens, street tree pits, and others. Participants must register in advance to receive bulbs. Registration opens in late summer of every year. [http://www.ny4p.org/the-daffodil-project](http://www.ny4p.org/the-daffodil-project)

**JOB & INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

For current jobs and internship opportunities please visit the list at [http://bit.ly/1XMZdiB](http://bit.ly/1XMZdiB).
The NYC Compost Project, created by the NYC Department of Sanitation in 1993, works to rebuild NYC’s soils by providing New Yorkers with the knowledge, skills, and opportunities they need to produce and use compost locally.

nyc.gov/compostproject | call 311 |  🍀    🌐  NYCsanitation

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