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## Community Events & Resources

Discover public resources for your community including grants, job openings, and internships.

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### COMMUNITY & GARDENING EVENTS

#### MICROBES AND FUNGI: THE LIFE OF THE SOIL PARTY

*Thursday, March 5 • 6–9 p.m.*

GreenThumb Office • 100 Gold Street, Manhattan

Meet the microbes and other members of the soil food web who recycle nutrients and learn best practices for soil care. Please bring a small zip lock bag of soil or compost from your garden if you'd like to look at your soil microbes under a microscope. Workshop attendees who are members of registered GreenThumb community gardens may be eligible to take home a small kit for testing soil nutrients while supplies last. Please bring a photo ID and allow time to get through security. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/vzysrhk>

#### STARTING SEEDLINGS: BASICS, TECHNIQUES, AND TIPS FOR SEED GERMINATION

*Saturday, March 7 • 10 a.m.–12 p.m.*

Concrete Plant Park • Bronx River between Westchester Ave & Bruckner Boulevard

Meet neighbors and friends for this introduction to seed starting! This class will review the basics of seed starting with an opportunity to start seedlings for your garden. Learn techniques and tips that will ensure a successful start to your growing season. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/sn8bymh>

#### ORGANIC PEST & DISEASE MANAGEMENT FOR FRUIT TREES

*Saturday, March 21 • 11 a.m.–1 p.m.*

Las Casitas Community Garden • 1130 Woodcrest Avenue, Bronx

Do your fruit trees have spots, leaf curl, or other tricky issues preventing your garden from an abundant fruit harvest? Learn about common pests and diseases that affect fruit trees in NYC and what to do about them. Members of registered GreenThumb community gardens in good standing will be eligible to receive pest management supplies, while supplies last.

Register at <https://tinyurl.com/ro5dhss>

#### MAKE COMPOST, NOT TRASH

Join The New York City Department of Sanitation (DSNY) to learn more about composting and how your food scraps and yard waste are turned into finished compost! For a schedule of events, visit <https://www.makecompost.nyc/bronx-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>

**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

PRAXIS HOUSING VOLUNTEERS

*Wednesdays • 9 a.m.–12 p.m.*

Praxis Housing • 4339 White Plains Road

BROOK PARK VOLUNTEERS

*Saturdays • 10 a.m.–6 p.m.*

Brook Park • 494 East 141 Street

TARGET BRONX COMMUNITY GARDEN VOLUNTEERS

*Fridays • 10:30 a.m.–2 p.m. and Saturdays • 12–4 p.m.*

Target Bronx Community Garden • 1025 Anderson Avenue

## RESOURCES

### 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>**

### DEPARTMENT OF SANITATION CURBSIDE COMPOSTING SERVICE

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](http://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 out more information by visiting

**<https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/zws/contest/announcements.shtml>**

### 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>**

### 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>**

### 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>**

### 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>**

#### SEEDLINGS AND PLANTS • GOWANUS CANAL CONSERVANCY

All school and community gardens now receive a 35% discount on GCC native plants!

**<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](mailto:arohrberger@citizensnyc.org)** or (212) 822-9555.

## JOB & INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

For current jobs and internship opportunities please visit the list at **<http://bit.ly/1XMZdiB>**

## GRANTS AND AWARDS

Maximum Amount	Deadline	Project Keywords	Grant
\$1,500	March 1	Agriculture, High School	New York Farm Bureau Agricultural Youth Scholarship <a href="https://www.nyfb.org/programs/promotion-education/scholarship">https://www.nyfb.org/programs/promotion-education/scholarship</a>
\$3,000	March 15	Parks, Projects	Partnership for Parks Capacity Fund Grant <a href="https://cityparksfoundation.org/grants-resources/">https://cityparksfoundation.org/grants-resources/</a>
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\$25,000	April 30	Education, School, Science, Youth	Voya Unsung Heroes <a href="http://corporate.voya.com/corporate-responsibility/community-investment/childrens-education/voya-unsung-heroes">http://corporate.voya.com/corporate-responsibility/community-investment/childrens-education/voya-unsung-heroes</a>
\$150,000	May 1	Research, Waste	Environmental Research & Education Foundation General RFP <a href="https://erefdn.org/research-grants-projects/how-to-apply-for-grant/">https://erefdn.org/research-grants-projects/how-to-apply-for-grant/</a>
\$250	May 10	Education, Project, School	Green Education Foundation Green In Action Award <a href="http://www.greeneducationfoundation.org/greenweek/contests/green-in-action-contest.html">http://www.greeneducationfoundation.org/greenweek/contests/green-in-action-contest.html</a>
\$500	May 15	Environment, Project, Youth	Constellation Community Champions Program <a href="https://www.constellation.com/community/community-champions.html">https://www.constellation.com/community/community-champions.html</a>
\$1,000	Rolling Basis	Project	Awesome Foundation Grant <a href="https://www.awesomefoundation.org/">https://www.awesomefoundation.org/</a>
\$10,000	Rolling Basis	Fruit Trees, Schools, Volunteers	Fruit Tree Planting Foundation Orchard Grant <a href="https://www.ftpf.org/apply">https://www.ftpf.org/apply</a>
\$10,000	Rolling Basis	Agriculture, Education, Environment	The Harry Chapin Foundation <a href="http://harrychapinfoundation.org/apply/">http://harrychapinfoundation.org/apply/</a>
\$10,000	Rolling Basis	Community, Environment, Youth	Singing for Change Social and Environmental Problem Solving Grants <a href="http://www.singingforchange.org/guidelines.html">http://www.singingforchange.org/guidelines.html</a>

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](http://nyc.gov/compostproject) | call 311 | [f](#) [t](#) [@](#) NYCsanitation



Rebuilding our soil,  
neighborhood  
by neighborhood.