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## Community Resources

Discover public resources for your community.

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### COMMUNITY PARTNERS

#### BRONX RIVER PARK ALLIANCE

The Bronx River Alliance serves as a coordinated voice for the river and works in harmonious partnership to protect, improve and restore the Bronx River corridor so that it can be a healthy ecological, recreational, educational and economic resource for the communities through which the river flows. Learn more at <http://bronxriver.org/?pg=home>

#### GREENTHUMB

GreenThumb provides programming and material support to over 550 community gardens in New York City. Workshops are held every month of the year, covering gardening basics to more advanced farming and community organizing topics. Learn more at <https://greenthumb.nycgovparks.org/>

#### GROWN NYC

GROWN NYC's mission is to improve New York City's quality of life through environmental programs that transform communities block by block and empower all New Yorkers to secure a clean and healthy environment for future generations. To learn more about GROWN NYC, go to <https://www.grownyc.org/>

#### CITY PARKS FOUNDATION

City Parks Foundation is dedicated to invigorating and transforming parks into dynamic, vibrant centers of urban life through sports, arts, community building and education programs for all New Yorkers. Their programs — located in more than 400 parks, recreation centers and public schools across New York City — reach 310,000 people each year. Learn more at <https://cityparksfoundation.org/about-us/>

#### FARM SCHOOL NYC

Farm School NYC trains local residents in urban agriculture in order to build self-reliant communities and inspire positive local action around food access and social, economic, and racial justice issues. Learn more at <http://www.farmschoolnyc.org/>

#### NYC PARKS

NYC Parks is the steward of more than 30,000 acres of land — 14 percent of New York City — including more than 5,000 individual properties ranging from Coney Island Beach and Central Park to community gardens and Greenstreets. To learn more, go to <https://www.nycgovparks.org/>

#### 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. They provide support for projects of various scales—from building a few vegetable beds to large-scale restoration work. <https://www.nyrp.org/gardensforthecity>

#### RAT PORTAL- NEW YORK CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The NYC Health Department offers resources to learn about managing rodents and other pests. This includes tips, information, free courses, its "Rat Academy", and a course for pest management professionals. For more information, please visit <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/health/health-topics/rats.page>

#### VAN CORTLANDT PARK ALLIANCE

The Van Cortlandt Park Alliance preserves, supports, and promotes the recreational, ecological, and historical value of Van Cortlandt Park. The Van Cortlandt Park Alliance works with 2,000 volunteers a year to complete community stewardship projects throughout the 1,146 acres of Van Cortlandt Park. To learn more about VCPA, view their event schedule, or to find volunteer opportunities, go to <https://live-vancortlandt.pantheonsite.io/>

## COMMUNITY & GARDENING RESOURCES

#### THE BEE CONSERVANCY

The Bee Conservancy is a nonprofit organization established in 2009 in response to the bee crisis. Each year, Sponsor-A-Hive gifts native bee homes or honeybee hives, equipment, and continuous training and support to schools, gardens, and other community groups to help foster local resilience. This year's deadline is March 31, 2021.

To learn more, please visit <https://thebeeconservancy.org>

#### THE CAROL KELLEY SCHOOLS AND TREES FUNDS

Carol Kelley's family and The Graham Hunter Foundation partner with schools across the city and plant trees. All requests will be reviewed by Trees New York and participants will be selected based on adequate space for a tree and community participation. For more information, please visit

<https://treesny.org/community-tree-plantings/the-carol-kelley-schools-trees-fund/>

#### CITIZENS COMMITTEE OF NEW YORK

A list of resources and services to help navigate the COVID-19 crisis, including financial resources, food access, immigrant resources, and more. To learn more, visit their [website](#).

#### COMMUNITY GARDENS • GREENTHUMB

GreenThumb Community Gardens operating on NYC Parks property may remain open to garden members at the discretion of each licensed garden group. Gardens may also now reopen to members of the public at the discretion of each garden group. Gardens are not required to host public open hours. Public events and gatherings inside gardens are still prohibited. For details, please visit,

**[https://greenthumb.nycgovparks.org/news.html?news\\_id=468](https://greenthumb.nycgovparks.org/news.html?news_id=468)**

#### COMMUNITY SEED DONATIONS • SEED SAVERS EXCHANGE

They donate seeds each year to hundreds of gardens across the United States. To apply please visit, **<https://www.seedsavers.org/seed-donation-program>**

#### CORNELL SMALL FARMS PROGRAM

Cornell has compiled information and resources to help guide the farming community during the COVID-19 pandemic. Visit their [website](#) for resources and links on farming during a crisis.

#### ECOQUEST CHALLENGE • THE NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN

EcoQuests, part of the NYC EcoFlora Project, challenges 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>**

#### FREE MILKWEED FOR SCHOOLS AND NONPROFITS • MONARCH WATCH

Monarchs and pollinators need our help due to habitat loss. If your school or non-profit educational organization is interested in this conservation measure, we can help you create a habitat for monarchs and pollinators. To apply please visit, **<https://monarchwatch.org/bring-back-the-monarchs/milkweed/free-milkweeds-schools-nonprofits/>**

#### FRUIT TREE PLANTING FOUNDATION ORCHARD GRANT

The Fruit Tree Planting Foundation (FTPF) is an award-winning international nonprofit charity dedicated to planting fruitful trees. Orchard donations are available for recipients who pledge to care for their trees and utilize them for a charitable purpose. To apply please visit, **<https://www.ftpf.org/apply>**

#### THE GIVING SEED PROGRAM

Over the past ten years, The Giving Seed Program has given away over 10,000 packets of organic heirloom seeds to school garden programs, inner city youth programs, community gardens, seed libraries, food banks, correctional facilities, veteran programs and others. To request seeds, go to **<https://www.livingseedcompany.com/pages/the-giving-seed-program>**

#### GARDENER RESOURCES

A collection of gardener resources on COVID-19 response, best practices, and more. To view, go to **<https://tinyurl.com/yd27qltu>**

#### GREENTHUMB GARDENERS HANDBOOK

A one-stop-shop for all GreenThumb, NYC Parks, NYC, and NY State policies and laws that govern community gardens in the GreenThumb network. To view, go to [https://greenthumb.nycgovparks.org/pdf/greenthumb-gardeners-handbook-2019-compressed\\_updated.pdf](https://greenthumb.nycgovparks.org/pdf/greenthumb-gardeners-handbook-2019-compressed_updated.pdf)

#### GROWNYC FARMERS ASSISTANCE RESOURCES

GrowNYC has compiled a list of Farmer Assistance CoronaVirus Response Resources geared for growers impacted by COVID 19. To view, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/ydgmsv99>

#### IOBY

Find out how you can receive resources to support your community. Ioby will waive their fiscal sponsorship and platform fee for projects that respond to COVID-19 in communities. For more information on starting a project with a public and community benefit, visit <https://ioby.org/>

#### BRONX NEIGHBORS PROGRAM

Bronx Residents are invited to experience the seasonal beauty across our 250 acres, free of charge. The Grounds Access Pass is available Tuesday–Sunday and holiday Mondays. Includes access to the outdoor gardens and collections; does not include access to the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory, indoor exhibitions, or special events. Proof of Bronx residency is required. Parking fee is not included. To learn more, visit <https://www.nybg.org/community-access-discount-programs/>

#### NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN FREE NYC RESIDENT GROUNDS-ONLY ADMISSION

Grounds-Only Admission to The New York Botanical Garden is free to New York City residents all day on Wednesdays. Proof of residency is required. This does not include admission to the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory, Special Exhibitions, Rock Garden, or Tram Tour. To reserve timed-entry tickets, please visit

<https://www.nybg.org/community-access-discount-programs/>

#### NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN GROUNDS ACCESS 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>

#### 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 workdays 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.

#### PARTNERSHIPS FOR PARKS- GROWING YOUR SKILLS & GARDENING AT HOME

A list of gardening resources to help you find all kinds of horticulture-related information including indoor plant suggestions, gardening podcasts, how-to videos, webinars, and book suggestions. To view, please visit

<https://tinyurl.com/y3lro48p>

## COMPOSTING RESOURCES

### MASTER COMPOSTER MANUAL

Download the NYC Compost Project's Master Composter Manual at

**[https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dsny/docs/about\\_nyc-master-composter-manual-mcm\\_0815.pdf](https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dsny/docs/about_nyc-master-composter-manual-mcm_0815.pdf)**

### COMPOST AT HOME • DEPARTMENT OF SANITATION

NYC Residents are encouraged to make compost on their own if they have the space to do so. Learn how to compost at home by downloading PDFs of educational materials from

**[https://dsny.force.com/recyclingmaterialsrequest/s/?language=en\\_US](https://dsny.force.com/recyclingmaterialsrequest/s/?language=en_US)** in the Food Scraps + Yard Waste section (under DSNY)

### FOOD SCRAP DROP OFF SITES • DEPARTMENT OF SANITATION

Find a Food Scrap Drop Off Site near you to put your food scrap and yard waste to good use at

**<https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dsny/site/services/food-scraps-and-yard-waste-page/nyc-food-scrap-drop-off-locations>**

### CURBSIDE COMPOSTING • DEPARTMENT OF SANITATION

Curbside Composting is back! Learn more and sign up at

**<https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dsny/site/services/food-scraps-and-yard-waste-page/overview-residents-organics>**

### FOOD WASTE TOOLKIT

New Yorkers will have access to over 90 organizations that can help them address food waste! With solutions for both residents and businesses at every step of their journey, everyone can find new ways to help prevent the 1.3 million tons of food we waste each year from reaching landfills. Visit, **<https://www.foodwastetoolkit.com/>**

### INSTITUTE FOR LOCAL SELF-RELIANCE

In honor of the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day, ILSR is launching new resources to help people compost at home. Learn the key ingredients to successful composting, what you need to get started, and so much more. Visit, **<https://ilsr.org/home-composting/>**

## FOOD ACCESS

### NYC GOVERNMENT FEEDING NEW YORK PLAN

During the COVID-19 pandemic, New York City has implemented a plan to feed New Yorkers that are struggling-- with particular attention to children, the elderly and those who are homebound. To view NYC's Feeding New York in COVID-19 Official Plan, visit,

**<https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/home/downloads/pdf/reports/2020/Feeding-New-York.pdf>**

#### NYC DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOOD HUBS

The New York City Department of Education is committed to making free meals available daily for any New Yorker. Any New Yorker who wants one, can get free meals at more than 400 Meal Hubs across the city. For more information, visit the NYC DOE website for updates and menus at **[www.schools.nyc.gov/school-life/food/free-meals](http://www.schools.nyc.gov/school-life/food/free-meals)**

To view an interactive map of meal hub locations go to **[www.communityfoodadvocatesnyc.org/covid19](http://www.communityfoodadvocatesnyc.org/covid19)**

#### COVID-19 FOOD HUB

The Food Education Fund, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, with the help of their partners, have created a space to share resources on available food sources for families and to share general resources created by their partner organizations. Visit their page at

**<https://sites.google.com/foodeducationfund.org/foodhubnyc/home>**

#### GET FOOD NYC

View a list of COVID-19 Emergency Food Distribution Services, including a map of free food locations, sign up for SNAP benefits, find ways to donate food, and more. For more information, please visit

**<https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dsny/contact/services/COVID-19FoodAssistance.shtml>**

#### GROWN NYC GREENMARKETS

Nearly all Greenmarkets and Fresh Food Box sites are currently operating. SNAP and WIC are always accepted. For updates, schedules, and a list of open locations, visit

**<https://www.grownyc.org/blog/greenmarkets-are-open>**

#### GROWN NYC'S FOOD ACCESS GUIDE

A comprehensive guide to information about free meals, food pantries, cash assistance, Medicaid, and food delivery assistance. Available at

**[https://www.grownyc.org/files/gmkt/covid\\_food\\_access.pdf](https://www.grownyc.org/files/gmkt/covid_food_access.pdf)**

#### HUNTER COLLEGE NYC FOOD POLICY CENTER

To help connect community members in need with food resources during this challenging time, the Hunter College NYC Food Policy Center is creating Coronavirus NYC Food Resource Guides for each NYC neighborhood. To view the resources available in your neighborhood, visit

**<https://www.nycfoodpolicy.org/coronavirus-nyc-food-reports/>**

## EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

### DOE OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY

Access a curated selection of virtual learning resources to help implement sustainability practices from home. To view, visit

**<https://sites.google.com/view/nycdoesustainability/virtual-learning-resources>**

### FOODCORP VIDEO LESSONS

Enjoy these cooking and gardening lessons provided by FoodCorps and AmeriCorps members. These lessons are great for ages 5-11 years old. To view a list of videos, go to

**<https://tinyurl.com/y8jqmj4u>**

### GOWANUS CANAL CONSERVANCY

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

**<https://gowanuscanalconservancy.org/nursery/>**

### GREENTHUMB- WEBINAR VIDEO RECORDINGS

To watch GreenThumb's 2020 webinar video recordings, please visit

**[https://greenthumb.nycgovparks.org/news.html?news\\_id=472](https://greenthumb.nycgovparks.org/news.html?news_id=472)**

### GROW NYC VIRTUAL EVENTS AND TRAININGS

To find other educational events and trainings, go to

**<https://www.eventbrite.com/o/grownyc-education-30289099850>**

### GROWNYC ROOT CAMP CURRICULUM

GrowNYC is partnering with Ample Table for Everyone to bring their Root Camp Curriculum to our middle schools during the 2021-2022 school year.

Root Camp is comprised of 10 lessons that include discussions around the connection between food and well-being, food justice, and the rationale for shopping locally and in season.

**<https://www.grownycdistancelearning.org/ample-table>**

### GROWNYC- VIRTUAL TEACHING GARDEN

During the coronavirus shutdown, GrowNYC's Education programs are providing weekly reads and activities using upcycled, easy-to-access materials for children and adults learning from home, including lessons on gardening, cooking, how to reduce your waste, and educator resources. To view GrowNYC's distant learning resources, visit

**<https://www.grownycdistancelearning.org>**

### VIRTUAL GARDEN FIELD TRIP • GROWNYC

GrowNYC has virtual field trip videos for K-12 classes in NYC. To watch videos of the field trips go to, **<https://www.grownycdistancelearning.org/virtual-field-trips>**.

### KIDS GARDEN ONLINE COMMUNITY

A free online community organized by national organization KidsGardening to connect anyone who gardens with kids.

**[https://community.kidsgardening.org/home?mc\\_cid=6fbd602e63&mc\\_eid=1c6dc02e6c](https://community.kidsgardening.org/home?mc_cid=6fbd602e63&mc_eid=1c6dc02e6c)**

### LEADERSHIP TRAINING ACADEMY

The Center for Health, Environment & Justice offers a multidisciplinary Leadership Training Academy program for environmental activists to strengthen the capacity, infrastructure and effectiveness of grassroots leaders. Our seasoned team of grassroots trainers and organizers, led by CHEJ founder Lois Gibbs, strategically mentors, trains and engages longtime grassroots partners and new leaders. Applications accepted on a rolling basis. To fill an application, go to **[http://chej.org/take-action/help/leadership-training-academy/?mc\\_cid=f15252e041&mc\\_eid=2b517abe34](http://chej.org/take-action/help/leadership-training-academy/?mc_cid=f15252e041&mc_eid=2b517abe34)**

### 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>**

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

### MUTUAL AID GROUPS

Get access to volunteering opportunities, sign up to receive help, and find resources available to all New Yorkers.

Mutual Aid NYC- **[www.mutualaid.nyc](http://www.mutualaid.nyc)** • Hotline: 646-437-8080

UniverseCity- **[www.universecity.nyc](http://www.universecity.nyc)**





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#### NYC WELL

NYC Well connects you to free, confidential mental health support. For more information, please visit, <https://nycwell.cityofnewyork.us/en/>