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### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- **STREET TREE CARE AT FRIENDS OF BROOK PARK COMMUNITY GARDEN • NYC PARKS STEWARDSHIP**
  - **Saturday, January 6 • 11 a.m.–1 p.m.**
  - **Brook Avenue between East 141 Street and East 140 Street**
  - Volunteers will learn how to aerate, cultivate, mulch, and identify street trees. They will also learn about the important roles street trees play in New York City. Volunteers should dress in clothes that can get dirty and closed toe shoes. To register, go to [https://www.nycgovparks.org/reg/stewardship/14602](https://www.nycgovparks.org/reg/stewardship/14602)

- **RIVERSIDE PARK FOREST RESTORATION • NYC PARKS STEWARDSHIP**
  - **Friday, January 12 • 10 a.m.–12 p.m.**
  - **Hudson River, West 254 Street**
  - Volunteers will contribute to ongoing restoration work and learn the importance of species diversity to ecosystem health. Come dressed in sturdy boots or shoes, long sleeves, long pants, and clothing that can get dirty. To register, go to [https://www.nycgovparks.org/reg/stewardship/14649](https://www.nycgovparks.org/reg/stewardship/14649)

- **OPEN HOURS • NEW ROOTS COMMUNITY FARM**
  - **New Roots Community Farm • 670 Grand Concourse & East 153rd Street**
  - Volunteers at New Roots Community Farm! Open hours are held Monday to Friday from 9 a.m.–2 p.m. and on Saturdays from 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Learn more by emailing CommunityFarmBx@gmail.com or following @NewRootsBronx on Instagram.

- **RESTORE THE RIVER CORRIDOR • BRONX RIVER ALLIANCE**
  - Volunteer with the Bronx River Alliance to protect and restore the Bronx River ecosystem! Clean up debris in Starlight Park, plant trees in the Bronx River Forest, maintain rain gardens, and...
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COMMUNITY EVENTS

COMPOST TEACH-IN • SAVE OUR COMPOST
Tuesday, January 23 • 7–8:30 p.m.
Virtual Event
Join us for a broad overview and detailed discussion about the different nonprofits that make the NYC Compost Project. Learn what each nonprofit does and how they work together to bring many benefits to communities. We will discuss funding issues, intersections with environmental justice and why community composting is critical for a green and resilient future. To register, go to https://bigreuse.org/blogs/news/compost-teach-in

TRAININGS

TRASH ACADEMY • SANITATION FOUNDATION
February 8 through March 21
Virtual Event
“NYC Trash Academy: Talking Dirty About Sustainable Solutions” is a free online and in-person 10-session educational series designed for busy New Yorkers interested in learning how to create a cleaner, healthier, more sustainable city. The Academy, formerly known as Zero Waste Academy, is taught by experts from the NYC Department of Sanitation and the private sector to increase awareness and understanding of waste management's environmental, social, and economic impacts. Applications close February 2, 2024. To apply, go to: https://www.sanitationfoundation.org/nyc-trash-academy

CROP PLANNING 101 • NYC PARKS GREEN THUMB
Tuesday, January 9 • 12–1 p.m.
Virtual Event
Grow more vegetables by planning ahead! Learn how to map out more than one season of bountiful harvests using planting calendars, knowledge of plant families, spacing charts, and more. To register, go to: https://www.nycgovparks.org/events/2024/01/09/crop-planning-101

ORGANIZING FOR GARDEN SUCCESS: PART 1 • NYC PARKS GREEN THUMB
Tuesday, January 9 • 12–1 p.m.
Virtual Event
Build a strong foundation for your garden group's leadership and decision-making structures. We will discuss different styles of group structure and share examples of garden governance. To register, go to: https://www.nycgovparks.org/events/2024/01/23/organizing-for-garden-success-group-structure-part-1-of-2

RAT ACADEMY FOR COMMUNITY GARDENERS • NYC DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Thursday, January 11 • 2–4 p.m.
Thursday, January 25 • 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Virtual Event
Rats can be a problem for community gardeners, property owners, businesses and entire neighborhoods. Learn about safe and effective methods for rat prevention in your home and community. To register, go to https://www.nyc.gov/site/doh/services/rats-control-training.page

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**FOOD SCRAP DROP-OFFS**
Volunteer-operated Food Scrap Drop-Off locations are open. For more information and sites in other boroughs, visit [http://nyc.gov/dropfoodscraps](http://nyc.gov/dropfoodscraps)

LEHMAN COLLEGE VOLUNTEERS
*Mondays* • 8 a.m.–12 p.m. • *Year Round*
Lehman College • 250 Bedford Park Blvd West

DREW GARDENS VOLUNTEERS
*Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays* • 4–7 p.m. • *Year Round*
Drew Gardens • 1070 East Tremont Avenue

PADRE PLAZA COMMUNITY GARDEN
*Mondays* • 12–5 p.m. • *Year Round*
Padre Plaza Community Garden • 541 East 139 Street

TARGET BRONX COMMUNITY GARDEN STAFF
*Mondays* • 10 a.m.–5 p.m. • *Year Round*
Target Bronx Community Garden • 1024 Woodycrest Avenue

KINGSBRIDGE HEIGHTS COMMUNITY GARDEN STAFF
*Wednesdays* • 12–2 p.m. • *Year Round*
Kingsbridge Heights Community Center • 3101 Kingsbridge Terrace #5900

EINSTEIN COMMUNITY GARDEN VOLUNTEERS
*Wednesdays* • 4–5 p.m. • *Year Round*
Einstein Community Garden • Near 1975 Eastchester Road

RAINBOW GARDEN OF LIFE & HEALTH VOLUNTEERS
*Wednesdays & Thursdays* • 10 a.m.–1 p.m. • *Year Round*
Rainbow Garden of Life & Health 757 Melrose Ave

NEW ROOTS COMMUNITY FARM STAFF
*Fridays* • 8 a.m.–12 p.m. • *Year Round*
New Roots Community Farm • 670 Grand Concourse

FORDHAM PLAZA GREENMARKET
*Fridays* • 8–11:30 a.m. • *Year Round*
East Fordham Road between Webster Avenue and Third Avenue

KELLY STREET GARDEN VOLUNTEERS
*Saturdays* • 10 a.m.–2 p.m. • *Year Round*
Kelly Street Garden • 924 Kelly Street

NEW SETTLEMENT COMMUNITY CENTER
*Saturdays* • 10:30 a.m.–1 p.m. • *December 4–June 25*
New Settlement Community Center • 1501 Jerome Avenue
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