

NYBG BRONX GREEN-UP

July 2024

Compost Café: Vermicomposting Wednesday, July 17 • 12–1 p.m. Virtual Event

Join us for a virtual journey into the fascinating world of vermicomposting! Discover the secrets of turning kitchen scraps into nutrient-rich soil with the help of our wriggly friends, red wigglers. In this interactive workshop, you'll learn the ins and outs of vermicomposting, from setting up your own bin to maintaining a thriving worm colony. Whether you're a seasoned gardener or just starting out, this workshop offers practical tips and techniques for reducing waste and enhancing your garden's health.



To register, go to <https://www.nybg.org/event/compost-cafe/>



Bronx Food & Farm Tour: Melrose Edition Saturday, August 3 • 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Meeting point: Neighborhood Advisory Committee Garden • 360 East 151st Street, Bronx, NY

Embark on a journey through the vibrant heart of the Bronx with us as we continue the Bronx Food & Farm Tour 2024! Join our celebration during “Melrose Week” of the thriving community gardens nestled within the Melrose community. First stop, Neighborhood Advisory Committee Garden. Next stop, Rainbow Garden of Life & Health. And last stop, Rincon

Criollo- La Casita de Chema for a delectable lunch prepared by La Morada, while also unveiling a stunning new mural in honor of Jose “Chema” Soto.

This event is in partnership with Montefiore-Einstein, Nos Quedamos, La Morada, Neighborhood Advisory Committee Community Garden, Rainbow Garden of Life & Health and Rincon Criollo- La Casita de Chema.

To register go to, <https://www.nybg.org/event/bronx-food-farm-tour-melrose>

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NEW! Bronx Foodways Oral Histories Project: 2023 Participants

Launched three years ago, the Bronx Foodways Oral Histories Project exists to preserve the food histories and life experiences of long-time community gardeners and urban farmers across the borough. Watch the participants from last year, including Terry Keller, (the first director of Bronx Green-Up) Dr, Jessica B. Harris, and other beloved members of the NYC gardening community.

To view, go to <https://www.nybg.org/learn/humanities-institute/bronx-foodways-oral-histories-project/oral-histories-2023/>

Volunteer Opportunities in July

We're busy this July! Join us for hands-on gardening and composting at community gardens in the Bronx! Dive into the joy of volunteering while making a meaningful impact in your community. Explore our upcoming opportunities to get involved. For more information or to register, email bronxgreenup@nybg.org.



Compost Bin Build at La Finca del Sur Community Farm

Monday, July 1 & 15 • 10:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

La Finca del Sur • 110 East 138th Street, Bronx

Curious about carpentry? Come join us at La Finca del Sur as we build them a new compost bin! Get hands-on experience while learning about safety protocols and using power tools to cut and assemble wood. Space is limited, so be sure to secure your spot early. No prior carpentry experience is required – just bring your enthusiasm and willingness to learn. Space is limited. To register, email compost@nybg.org

Garden Clean-Up at 770 Bryant Ave Garden

Wednesday, July 3 • 9 a.m.–12 p.m.

770 Bryant Ave Garden • 1320 Lafayette Avenue, Bronx

Let's revive this once-thriving community garden! Before the pandemic, it was a lively hub where neighbors came together to grow food and foster connections. Now, it's time to roll up our sleeves and breathe life back into this space. Join us in clearing out the clutter, removing contaminated soil, and dismantling old beds. Together, we can transform this garden into a vibrant oasis once again! To register, email compost@nybg.org

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Volunteer Garden Workday at Karol's Urban Farm

Fridays, July 5, 12, 19, & 26 • 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Karol's Community Farm • Havemeyer & Lacombe Avenue, Bronx

Join the Karol's Farm crew and Castle Hill Houses community-members for a weekly produce distribution and volunteer workday! Even during the winter, the farm needs care. For more information, email bronxgreenup@nybg.org.

Volunteer Compost Workday at New Roots Community Farm

Tuesday, July 9 • 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Thursday, July 25 • 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

New Roots Community Farm • 670 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY

Join the New Roots Community Farm Compost team and Bronx Green-Up to clean up the farm, process fresh organic waste, and maintain the three-bin and tumbler compost systems. For more information, email bronxgreenup@nybg.org.

Volunteer Compost Workday at Synergi Urban Farm

Tuesday, July 16 • 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Synergi Urban Farm • 1211 Hoe Avenue, Bronx

Join us at Synergi Urban Farm for an exciting introduction to bokashi composting! Whether you're a novice or have some experience, this is a chance to learn while giving back to the community. Bring the whole family – kids are welcome with adults. We'll provide all the tools and training you need, so no prior experience is necessary. To register, email compost@nybg.org

Garden Workday at New Settlement Community Center

Friday, July 19 • 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

New Settlement Community Center • 1501 Jerome Ave, Bronx

Help us reset the compost bin at the rooftop garden at New Settlement Community Center. Get acquainted with a jewel bin compost system by sifting finished compost, applying composting to the garden beds, and prepping the bin for a new season. Other garden tasks may be included. All are welcome! To register, send us an email at compost@nybg.org

Volunteer Compost Workday at Museum of Bronx History

Tuesday, July 23 • 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Museum of Bronx History • 3309 Bainbridge Avenue, Bronx

Come volunteer in the garden surrounding the Museum of Bronx History! The large, shaded area is home to garden and working community compost site. We will be processing yard waste in the three-bin system and installing a second jewel-bin. To register, email compost@nybg.org

Tree Pit Care at PS 811X

Wednesday, July 30 • 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

PS811X • 1434 Longfellow Avenue

Help care for and beautify the trees surrounding the school. We will clean, lightly till and add compost to the tree pit's soil! To register, email compost@nybg.org

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Home Gardening Center • Compost Demo Area Maintenance

Wednesday, July 24 • 10 a.m.–12 a.m.

New York Botanical Garden • 2950 Southern Boulevard

Join us in maintaining the compost demo area at the New York Botanical Garden! Volunteers will assist in spreading woodchips, sifting finished compost, removing invasive weeds, and tending to the various compost bins on display. No prior experience is necessary – just bring your enthusiasm and a willingness to contribute to a greener environment! Space is limited, so sign up early to secure your spot. To register, email compost@nybg.org

Become a Bronx Green-Up Volunteer!

Dig into the heart of the Bronx community and make a tangible difference by volunteering to support our thriving community gardens and farms. From building raised beds, planting, composting, harvesting to clean up's, your hands-on involvement will sow seeds of positive change.

Join the Bronx Green-Up volunteer team and become part of something life-changing. As a volunteer, you'll not only enrich the Bronx landscape but also enjoy all the perks of being an NYBG volunteer.



Volunteers who complete 25 hours get to enjoy the following perks at NYBG:

- Free parking
- Free All-Garden admission for self and up to 2 guests
- 20% off in the Pine Tree Café, Hudson Garden Grill, and NYBG Shop
- Borrowing privileges with the Mertz Library
- Volunteers contributing 50 or more service hours per year are invited to an Annual Volunteer Luncheon
- After serving 500 lifetime hours and 100 hours per fiscal year, volunteers are eligible to sign up for select NYBG Adult Education courses with tuition covered.

To become a Bronx Green-Up volunteer, fill out the [application](#) and email us at compost@nybg.org. For more information, visit <https://tinyurl.com/BGUVolunteer>

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