

NYBG BRONX GREEN-UP

April 2025



Green Thumbs in the Bronx: Essential Volunteer Skills

Saturday, April 12 / 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

*New York Botanical Garden / 2950 Southern
Boulevard*

Join us for an engaging and hands-on volunteer training workshop designed for those passionate about making a difference in our community gardens! In this session, you'll learn essential skills for volunteering with Bronx Green-Up,

including best practices for interacting with the public, how to set up and manage informational tables, and how to safely and effectively use garden tools. We'll also explore ways to connect with valuable community resources and discuss the perks and rewards of being a volunteer. Whether you're a seasoned gardener or just starting out, this workshop will equip you with the knowledge and confidence to support sustainable gardening efforts and build a stronger, greener Bronx.

To register, go to <https://tinyurl.com/5k64xj8h>

Compost Cafe: BioChar

Wednesday, April 16 / 12 to 1 p.m.

Virtual Event

Join us for an engaging and informative Compost Cafe where we'll dive into the fascinating world of biochar. This session will be led by Karen Guzman, Urban Garden Specialist from Cornell Cooperative Extension. Discover the rich history of biochar, explore its powerful environmental benefits, and learn how this innovative solution is transforming urban growing spaces. Learn how biochar can be used to creatively manage organic waste and enhance sustainability in your own community.. To register, go to <https://tinyurl.com/3x457k9x>



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City Nature Challenge

Saturday, April 26 / 12 to 4 p.m.

*Bronx River House in Starlight Park
490 Sheridan Boulevard*

Join Bronx Green-Up at the Bronx River Open House to learn how to participate in the City Nature Challenge, an annual international effort for community scientists and nature enthusiasts to come together and help find and document urban biodiversity. Learn how to record observations using iNaturalist and be part of documenting NYC's flora and fauna from April 25-May 4.



For more information contact bronxgreenup@nybg.org. To register, go to <https://tinyurl.com/3bxjy4k4>

BGU Community Composting Course

Application deadline: April 30

The Bronx Green-Up Community Composter Certificate Course is designed to provide participants with a comprehensive understanding of community composting, including hands-on training. Grounded in environmental justice and urban land stewardship, topics discussed in the course include: the history of composting, the science of soil health, ecosystem-oriented soil amendments, community composting techniques, and effective outreach.



To become certified, participants must:

- Attend 7 workshops (All virtual)
- Complete 9 hours of compost-related fieldwork with Bronx Green-Up
- Attend 1 Compost-related field trip
- Design and complete a final project

Learn more and apply at <https://tinyurl.com/yv7re66h>

Priority will be given to Bronx-based community gardeners, urban farmers, and educators with a demonstrated interest in community composting, urban farming/gardening, and environmental justice. Capacity for each cohort is limited. All are welcome to apply.

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Save the Date!

First Bronx Food & Farm Tour of 2025

Saturday, May 10 / 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Meeting point: Maria Solas Green Space



How are community gardeners in the South Bronx creating spaces for healing, education, and resilience while fighting against harmful industries? Join Bronx Green-Up, South Bronx Unite, Montefiore Einstein, and our partners for a powerful 4-mile bus and bike tour through Mott Haven and Port Morris. Discover the inspiring stories of environmental justice organizing and the movement toward a healthier, more sustainable future.

Register at <https://tinyurl.com/yc3n7fck>



Volunteer Opportunities in April

We have volunteer opportunities in April! Join us for hands-on gardening and composting at community gardens. To register for any of these volunteer opportunities, email bronxgreenup@nybg.org.

Volunteer Garden Workday at Karol's Urban Farm

Fridays, April 4, 11, 18 & 25 / 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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

Home Gardening Center Compost Maintenance

Wednesdays, April 2, 16 & 30 / 10 to 12 p.m.

New York Botanical Garden / 2950 Southern Boulevard, Bronx

Bokashi Workday at Synergi Urban Farm

Thursday, April 3 / 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Saturday, April 19 / 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Synergi Urban Farm / 12-11 Hoe Avenue

Garden Workday at Sweetgum Community Garden

Monday, April 14 / 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sweetgum Community Garden / 995 Summit Ave, Bronx

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Building Raised Beds at Padre Plaza Community Garden

Thursday, April 17 / 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Padre Plaza Community Garden / 541 E 139th St, Bronx

Garden Workday at Ujamaa Community Garden

Saturday, April 19 / 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Ujamaa Community Garden / 3601 Marolla Place, Bronx

Garden Workday at La Isla Community Garden

Monday, April 21 / 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

La Isla Community Garden / 96 West 163rd Street, Bronx

We ask that you register so we can communicate with you if we need to cancel an event due to inclement weather. However, you can just show up! We encourage you to get all the experience that you want and the gardens can use all hands-on deck. But please do check in with us if there is a weather event.

Follow us on Instagram!



We're excited to announce our brand-new Instagram account, **@bronxgreenup!** Follow us to stay informed about upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, certificate programs, and more. Have an event at your community garden? Send it our way, and we'll share it! You'll also find volunteer and gardener spotlights and get to know our dedicated team. Don't miss out—hit that follow button to stay connected!



Events, Grants, and Resources

For more information about other local gardening events, volunteer opportunities, and community trainings, please visit our **Events and Resources Page** at

<https://www.nybg.org/gardens/bronx-green-up/events/>

For a calendar of relevant funding opportunities, please visit our **Grants and Awards Page** at <https://bit.ly/3XdNUFM>

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