

# NYBG BRONX GREEN-UP

January 2026

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## Fire Cider Workshop

*Friday, January 9/10 a.m. to 12 p.m.*

*Castle Hill Community Center / 625 Castle Hill Community Center*

Discover the craft of fire cider and the many benefits it offers in a dynamic session led by Jamila Walida Simon, a professor at Cornell, exploring the roots, remedies, and revitalizing power of this time-honored tonic. To register, email [bronxgreenup@nybg.org](mailto:bronxgreenup@nybg.org).



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## Urban Jungle 101: Houseplant Care Workshop

*Saturday, January 31/1 to 3 p.m.*

*Bronx River Art Center / 1087 East Tremont Avenue*

Join Zoë at the Castle Hill Community Center for a fun and hands-on workshop where you'll learn all the secrets to keeping your houseplants happy by understanding their native environments, light preferences, soil types, watering needs, and fertilization basics.

You'll also get step-by-step guidance on potting a plant to take home. Bring your questions and even your own houseplant for personalized advice. To register, email [bronxgreenup@nybg.org](mailto:bronxgreenup@nybg.org).

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## Bronx Green-Up Pruning Course

Are you excited to learn how to care for woody plants? The Bronx Green-Up Pruning Certificate course is designed to teach participants the art of proper pruning small trees and shrubs, with a special focus on fruit-bearing trees. This hands-on course is perfect for anyone who is interested in stewarding trees and shrubs in a community garden setting. To get certified, you must:



- Attend all four virtual workshops on January 22 & 29; February 5 & 12; 6 to 8 p.m.
- Complete six hours of hands-on pruning practice, January 24 & 31, February 7; 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (Dates subject to change)

### Application Deadline: January 15, 2026

\*Priority enrollment is given to Bronx community gardeners, farmers, and educators. All are welcome to apply if space permits.

To register, go to <https://www.nybg.org/event/bronx-green-up-pruning-certificate-course-2026/>

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## Citywide Master Composter Course

The Master Composter Certificate Course educates and empowers New Yorkers to get involved in community composting via education, outreach, advocacy and more. This advanced education and outreach program is open to New Yorkers who are at least 18 years of age. The Master Composter Certificate Course workshops, field trips, and volunteer opportunities are led by many

community composting organizations around the five boroughs of NYC and you can participate in activities at a variety of locations.

To learn more and register, <https://nyccommunitycompostnetwork.org/mastercomposter>

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## Volunteer Opportunities in January



We have volunteer opportunities in January! Join us for hands-on gardening and composting at community gardens. **To register for any of these volunteer opportunities, email [bronxgreenup@nybg.org](mailto:bronxgreenup@nybg.org).**

### Home Gardening Center Compost Maintenance

Wednesday, January 14 | 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
Karol's Community Farm | Across from, 2238 Lacombe Ave, Bronx

### Volunteer Workday: Leave it Better Community Garden

Saturday, January 17 | 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Leave it Better Community Garden | 1974 Grand Avenue

Register here: <https://www.nycgovparks.org/events/2026/01/17/volunteer-workday-leave-it-better-community-garden>

### Garden Workdays at Karol's Urban Community Farm

Fridays, January 23, 30 | 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Karol's Urban Community Farm | Havemeyer & Lacombe Avenue

To register, email [compost@nybg.org](mailto:compost@nybg.org). 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! But, please do check in with us if there is a weather event.

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## 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!



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## Events, Grants, and Resources

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

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

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