

APPLICATION FOR 2009 GARDEN RESOURCE PROGRAM



Sponsored by: **The Garden Resource Program Collaborative**

Community and backyard gardens play an important role in the City of Detroit. They provide thousands of pounds of fresh, nutritious produce for Detroit families and improve our communities by connecting neighbors, providing an attractive alternative to trash-strewn vacant lots, improving property values, and reducing crime.

In an effort to maximize these benefits, The Greening of Detroit, Detroit Agriculture Network, EarthWorks Garden/Capuchin Soup Kitchen, and Michigan State University teamed up in 2003 to help provide gardeners with the supplies and resources they need to grow food in the city.

Now in its sixth year, the Garden Resource Program provides support for community gardens and urban farms in Detroit, Highland Park, and Hamtramck. Participants in the program receive resources for their garden, including seeds and Detroit grown transplants. Participants also become part of a growing network of gardeners and advocates working to promote and encourage urban agriculture and a thriving local food system by facilitating neighborhood-based cluster groups that connect gardeners and provide local access to resources and opportunities. Gardens that participate actively in their cluster group (attending meetings, workdays, or other activities) are eligible to receive additional resources*, such as tilling, compost, flowers, woodchips, weed fabric, volunteers, and access to a tool sharing program.

Family gardens pay \$10/year and receive:

- Seeds – 32 packs of easy to sow varieties
- Plants – Approximately 2 flats of vegetable transplants (138 plants)
- Subscription to the Detroit Farmer's Quarterly Newsletter
- Invitation to participate in garden cluster groups

Community/School gardens pay \$20/year and receive:

- Seeds – 96 packs of easy to sow varieties
- Plants – Approximately 6 flats of vegetable transplants (414 plants)
- Subscription to the Detroit Farmer's Quarterly Newsletter
- Invitation to participate in garden cluster groups

Gardens or advocates NOT requesting resources pay \$5/year and receive:**

- Subscription to the Detroit Farmer's Quarterly Newsletter
- No seeds or plants included
- Invitation to participate in garden cluster groups

* Some additional resources may be limited to distribution for community and school gardens.

** This option is for gardens that do not need basic resources and/or join the program after the seed and plant distribution dates or for gardens outside Detroit, Highland Park, and Hamtramck.



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THE GARDEN RESOURCE PROGRAM COLLABORATIVE

The Greening of Detroit, Detroit Agriculture Network, EarthWorks Garden/Capuchin Soup Kitchen, and Michigan State University work collaboratively to support the Garden Resource Program, Urban Gardening Education Series, and Urban Roots. For more information please call Ashley Atkinson at 313-237-8736 or visit WWW.DETROITAGRICULTURE.ORG

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Please return the completed application with cash OR a check made payable to The Greening of Detroit, attention Ashley Atkinson, 1418 Michigan Ave. Detroit, MI 48216 or fax to 313-237-8737. Gardeners are responsible for picking up their seeds and plants on the designated distribution days (see below).

MARK YOUR CALENDAR - PICK UP DATES

SEED DISTRIBUTION: (choose one location for pick-up)

Thursday, March 19th

- Cluster 3, 6-8 pm, Earthworks Garden, 1264 Meldrum
- Cluster 9, 6-8 pm, Adams Butzel Recreation Center, 10500 Lyndon

Sunday, March 22nd

- Cluster 4, 1-3 pm, Catherine Ferguson Academy, 2750 Selden

Monday, March 23rd

- Cluster 5, 7-9 pm, American Indian Health and Family Services, 4880 Lawndale
- Cluster 8, 7-9 pm, Leland Baptist Church, 22420 Fenkell St.

Tuesday, March 24th

- Cluster 1, 6-8 pm, F.A.R.M., at 17500 John R. (John R. and E. Parkhurst)

Wednesday, March 25th

- Highland Park Cluster, 6-8pm, Focus Hope, 1400 Oakman
- Cluster 10, 6-8pm, Gesu Church, 17180 Oak Dr.

COLD CROP TRANSPLANT DISTRIBUTION: (choose one date)

Thursday, April 16th, 6-8 pm, Earthworks Garden, 1264 Meldrum, or

Saturday, April 18th, 1-4 pm, Earthworks Garden, 1264 Meldrum

HOT CROP TRANSPLANT DISTRIBUTION: (choose one date)

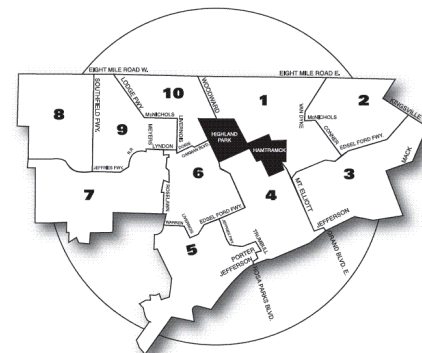
Thursday May 14th, 6-8 pm, Earthworks Garden, 1264 Meldrum, or

Saturday May 16th, 1-4 pm, Earthworks Garden, 1264 Meldrum

FALL CROP SEED & TRANSPLANT DISTRIBUTION: (choose one date)

Thursday, July 9th, 6-8 pm, Earthworks Garden, 1264 Meldrum, or

Saturday July 11th, 1-3 pm, Earthworks Garden, 1264 Meldrum



OPPORTUNITIES FOR URBAN GARDENERS

We recognize that in addition to resources, dynamic and skilled leaders are also essential to the success and sustainability of gardens. To support the development of these leaders, we offer these fun and hands-on training opportunities:

URBAN ROOTS Community Gardening Training Program is a 9-week course designed to train community leaders in horticulture as well as community organizing skills. This hands-on course teaches students the skills they need to create and maintain strong, vibrant and sustainable community gardens. Classes are Saturdays from 9 am to 2 pm starting February 7th.

Detroit Urban Gardening EDUCATION SERIES presents interesting and interactive workshops on a variety of gardening and garden-related topics in order to share new ideas as well as practical skills and techniques with gardeners. Open to the public, the classes are held twice monthly in various locations throughout Detroit. These classes cost \$3 for participants in the Garden Resource Program and \$5 for non-participants. A full calendar of classes is available online or upon request.

CLUSTER GROUPS encourage connection between gardeners and provide local access to resources and opportunities. All gardens are invited to participate with their cluster group. Please attend your cluster's Additional Resource Meeting and/or other cluster events to learn more about the opportunities and additional resources available to participating gardeners.

For more information about seed and plant distributions or educational opportunities contact Ashley Atkinson at the Greening of Detroit at (313)237-8736 or Lindsay Turpin at lindsay_detroitagriculture@yahoo.com or visit our website: WWW.DETROITAGRICULTURE.ORG

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Today's Date: _____

I am filling out this application today on behalf of (choose one):

- Community Garden (more than one family working in a single garden), \$20
- School Garden, \$20
- Family Garden (single family), \$10
- Advocates or Gardens NOT requesting resources (no seeds or plants included), \$5

GARDEN INFORMATION

Family's Name (or) Garden Name: _____

Organization, if Applicable: _____

Contact Person: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address of Primary Garden: _____ Same as Above

City: _____ Zip: _____

Nearest Major Cross Streets: _____

Approximate Size of Garden (number of city lots, acres, or square feet): _____

Number of Years in Cultivation (not including this year): _____ This is a New Garden

Number of Adults Involved: _____ Number of Children Involved: _____ None

How many years have you participated in Detroit Garden Resource Program (not including this year)?

- I'm new to the Garden Resource Program
- 1 year
- 2 years
- 3 years
- 4 years
- 5 years
- 6 years

In 2009, what Cluster Group will you participate in? (see cluster map for boundaries/more info)

- 1
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 8
- 9
- 10
- Highland Park
- I don't know

Do you own the property where you garden? Yes No

If not, please provide the contact information for the owner, if available:

Owner's Name: _____ Phone number: _____

Has your soil been tested? Yes No

If yes, what did you test for? Nutrients (organic content, PH, etc) Heavy Metals (lead, etc)

Do you have a water source? Yes No

If yes, please describe: _____

What do you grow in your garden?

- Vegetables
- Herbs
- Fruit
- Flowers
- Other: _____

Please use the space below to tell us about any difficulties you are experiencing with your garden:

Will you be sharing your resources with additional gardens? Yes No

If resources will be distributed for use in more than one garden, please list the additional gardens:

Garden Name: _____

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Contact Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address of Garden: _____

Address of Garden: _____

City/Zip: _____

City/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Email: _____

IF YOU HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE GARDEN RESOURCE PROGRAM IN THE PAST:

Which additional resources have you received from participation in your cluster group: (check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Tilling | <input type="checkbox"/> Compost | <input type="checkbox"/> Woodchips | <input type="checkbox"/> Weed Fabric |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteers | <input type="checkbox"/> Perennial Fruit | <input type="checkbox"/> Fruit Trees | <input type="checkbox"/> Raised Bed Materials |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Garlic | <input type="checkbox"/> Tomato Stakes | <input type="checkbox"/> Row Cover | <input type="checkbox"/> Annual & Perennial Flowers |

Are you currently weighing your garden produce? Yes No

If not, would you be interested in receiving a scale to weigh produce from your garden? Yes No

Are you currently selling produce from your garden (either informally or at a market stand)? Yes No

If not, would you be interested in learning more about selling produce from your garden? Yes No

Do you currently seed or plant during mid-summer for a fall harvest? Yes No

If not, would you be interested in learning more about succession planting for fall harvest? Yes No

ADDITIONAL GARDENER CONTACT INFORMATION:

Please provide us with contact information for people who work with you or help you in your garden. This information will not be shared with anyone, although we may contact them with program announcements, activities, and information.

Name: _____ Organization: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Please check all that apply for this individual: Gardens with you Supports your garden

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Please feel free to attached additional sheets with more contacts.

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