



## NGT Community Garden Resources 2026

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### PHS Community Gardens Program

- **PHS Community Gardens Program sign-up and information page** <https://phsonline.org/programs/community-gardens>
- **PHS Community Gardens program portal (for enrolled gardens)** <https://phsonline.org/community-gardens-network>
- **PHS Tool Library at Glenwood Green Acres – Tool Sign-up Information (for enrolled gardens)** <https://phs.myturn.com/library/>

If you have any questions about the PHS Community Gardens program, please contact the Gardens Team at [communitygardens@pennhort.org](mailto:communitygardens@pennhort.org).

### Community Garden Governance Resources

- **Garden Tenders** - An introduction to community organizing, accessing resources and establishing a community garden <https://phsonline.org/programs/community-gardens/community-education>
- **Garden Stewardship Institute** – A course for experienced garden leaders seeking to workshop long-term stewardship goals [Garden Stewardship Institute Interest Form](#)

### Compost, Mulch, and Woodchips

- **Fairmount Park Organic Recycling Center** - Materials available for pick up for Philadelphia residents include compost, wood chips, shredded wood mulch and herbivore manure. Free in smaller amounts and low cost to fill a pick-up truck. Location: 3850 Ford Road, Philadelphia, PA 19131 | (215)-685-0108 <https://www.phila.gov/services/trees-parks-the-environment/get-or-dispose-of-organic-materials/>

- **Bennett Compost** - Manure from the Saul dairy barn and the Philadelphia Zoo and vegetable waste from Bennett Compost are converted into high-quality compost for resale. <https://www.bennettcompost.com/products>
- **Community Compost Network** - Farm Philly develops composting facilities in parks and community gardens. [Community composting | Programs and initiatives | City of Philadelphia](#). Email [farmphilly@phila.gov](mailto:farmphilly@phila.gov) for more information

## PWD and Water Access

- **PWD Urban Garden Guide** - Guide to obtaining water access, charitable discount, and stormwater exemption [PWD Urban Garden Guide](#)
- **Contact for issues with billing** - Ronda Farrare - [ronda.farrare@phila.gov](mailto:ronda.farrare@phila.gov)

## Community Garden and Urban Agriculture Knowledge Hubs

- **PHS McLean Library Subject Guides on Community Gardening**  
<http://pennhort.libguides.com/CommunityGardening>
- **Growing Together Guide** - Practical tips and resources to make gardening spaces welcoming for everyone, including universal design principles for more accessible gardens <https://disabilities.temple.edu/programs-services/health-equity/food-justice/growing-together>
- **Philadelphia Orchard Project Resource Collection** - Local resources on fruit tree species selection and care [Resources – Philadelphia Orchard Project](#)
- **Xerces Society** - Planting guide for Mid-Atlantic pollinator habitat <https://xerces.org/publications/plant-lists/native-plants-for-pollinators-and-beneficial-insects-mid-atlantic>
- **Rodale Institute** - Offers free organic agriculture consulting sessions to urban growers <https://rodaleinstitute.org/consulting/>
- **Penn State Extension Philadelphia Master Gardeners Horticulture hotline (HortLine)**  
- Master Gardeners can answer your gardening questions!  
Email [PhiladelphiaMG@psu.edu](mailto:PhiladelphiaMG@psu.edu) with "Hortline" in the subject line

## Soil Testing

- **Penn State Agricultural Analytical Services Lab** - Soil test kits located at Penn State Extension Philadelphia County [Click here for more information](#)
- **University of Mass Soil Test Lab** - Their \$20 test covers basic heavy metals <http://ag.umass.edu/services/soil-plant-nutrient-testing-laboratory>

## Tree Work

- **Tree Tenders** - Connect with a local Tree Tenders group to learn more about tree planting and care - <https://phsonline.org/programs/tree-programs/get-a-tree>
- **Tree Authority** - 602 Minsi Trail, Perkasie, PA 18944 | (215) 694-9607



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- **TreeKen** - 3315 Baring Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104 | (267) 243-4356  
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- **Shechtman Tree Care** - 1722 Rockwell Rd, Abington, PA 19001 | (215) 776-8733  
[info@shektree.com](mailto:info@shektree.com)
- **Bartlett Tree Care** - 152 Montgomery Ave. Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004 | (610)-664-4200  
<https://www.bartlett.com>

## Free or Low-cost Plants and Trees

- **Tree Philly** - Reserve up to 2 free yard trees every spring and fall <https://treephilly.org/>
- **Get a street tree from the City of Philadelphia** - <https://www.phila.gov/services/trees-parks-the-environment/tree-related-services/get-a-street-tree/>
- **Xerces Society** - Mid-Atlantic monarch butterfly and pollinator habitat kit grant program  
<https://xerces.org/pollinator-conservation/habitat-kits/mid-atlantic>
- **City Harvest** - Provides free seedlings multiple times a year in exchange for donating a portion of the produce; access through the PHS Community Gardens Network  
<https://phsonline.org/programs/community-gardens>
- **Philadelphia Orchard Project** - Partners with community green spaces to plant and maintain orchards <https://www.phillyorchards.org/orchards/>

## Small Grants for Garden Improvements

- **Block Captains Beautification Program** - \$500 grant towards supplies and equipment  
<https://keepitcleanphilly.org/>
- **Feet First Philly** - Grants up to \$2,000 for public space improvements  
<https://feetfirstphilly.org/>
- **Deeply Rooted** - Grants for community greening projects in West and Southwest Philadelphia <https://www.urbanhealthlab.org/deeply-rooted>