



Community Gardening

2011 Workshops in Sustainable Vegetable Production

Windy City Harvest trains adults in sustainable horticulture and urban agriculture.

All courses are held on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon in the greenhouse and classroom at Arturo Velasquez Institute, 2800 S. Western Ave. (enter the south parking lot from 31st Street). All materials and handouts are provided. Courses are taught by Chicago Botanic Garden and Windy City Harvest staff. Each workshop is \$39. Registration for each class ends a week before the class begins. There is a minimum of five students required to run the program and a maximum of 15 students.

REGISTRATION

Online: www.chicagobotanic.org/windycityharvest/courses

Mail: Send completed registration form to
Community Education Programs Registrar
Chicago Botanic Garden
1000 Lake Cook Road
Glencoe, IL 60022

Fax: Fax completed application to (847) 242-6330

Students receive hands-on instruction in greenhouse and outdoor growing practices.



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Seed Starting

February 26

Learn different techniques for starting your own vegetable transplants. Learn a sustainable method for starting seeds. Blend your own seed-starting mix and use a soil-block maker.

Season Extension Part 1

March 26

Learn how to extend your spring and fall growing seasons with low tunnels and cold frames.

Window Box or Container Gardens

April 23

Discover space-saving ways to grow your own vegetables and herbs.

Building Healthy Soil

May 21

Learn about composting, early spring cover cropping, and other soil-building techniques. Healthy soil is the key to healthy plants!

Organic Pest and Disease Control

June 25

Organic pest-control remedies will help you keep those pesky pests in check.

Seed Starting: Cool-Season Crop Planning

July 30

Now's the time! Learn about fall crops to extend the growing season through Thanksgiving. Start your own seeds for your fall garden.

Cover Cropping

August 27

Discover the best cover crops to use for the fall and winter months. This is a follow-up to spring's Building Healthy Soil workshop.

Tools for the Small Farm and Harvesting Techniques

September 24

Learn what small tools are essential for your backyard farm and how to properly use them. Best practices for small-scale post-harvest handling will also be covered.



Participants grow high-value, nutritious produce that is sold at retail outlets.



Low tunnels extend the growing season

Season Extension Part 2

October 15

This is the hands-on component of our March workshop. Build a low tunnel on site. Bring in photos to plan specific extension for your site.

Fruit Tree Pruning

November 19

A farmer's work is never done. Now is the time to prune your fruit trees. Learn about proper pruning techniques to maximize fruit production.