



PHS Community Gardens

FAQ Sheet



The PHS Community Gardens Program is designed to be a support system and service for urban gardeners and growers in the Philadelphia area. Our aim is to support those active in community gardens or urban production sites be successful - whether in their productions and harvests, or managing people and culture.

Q: What can we expect from participating in the program?

As part of the PHS Community Gardens Program your garden and site will have direct access to a number of supports ranging from technical support and workshops, to free access to our Urban Agriculture Tool Lending library and an assortment of other resources.

Q: Does my garden or grow site need to reapply annually?

No! Once your garden applies to the program and is accepted, you will remain in the program until either the garden decides to leave or some other reason or factor. If we don't hear from you for awhile, we may, however, reach out to make sure everything is ok.

Q: What is City Harvest and how can we join?

Once a site has been active in our program for at least one season, or more, they eligible to join the City Harvest Initiative. This initiative provides sites with organically grown seeds and seedlings. As part of your participation in City Harvest, we request that sites donate produce to their local community or food pantries, as well as provide 10 coop hours a season to support this work.

Q: I'm not receiving program emails. What do I do?

No worries, this happens often. Unsubscribing from, or blocking, general PHS emails results in unsubscribing from our Community Gardens emails as well. If you are not sure of your subscription status, or haven't gotten emails from us, please let us know at communitygardens@pennhort.org - just mention your garden's name!



Q: How do I request materials?

The Gardens Team does our best to meet the needs of our community members and spaces. What resources we can provide are made transparent and accessible via the [Mclean Tool Library](#) located at Glenwood Green Acres, and via Program Requests, which can be found on our [Community Gardens Network webpage](#).

Q: Does my garden / site have to use organic practices?

It is strongly encouraged that any garden or grow site participating in the program utilizes organic or agroecological practices that benefit the local environment. As an institution we adhere to agricultural practices that are beneficial to the planet and people and thus would hope for the same of our partners.

Q: We need technical assistance! Can PHS help?

Please refer to the Program Request forms found on our [Community Gardens Network page](#). Gardens / sites can request technical assistance from pest management to restorative justice.

Q: Can my garden / site host PHS sponsored events?

If your site is interested in hosting an event in partnership with PHS, please email us directly at communitygardens@pennhort.org.

Q: Can we request volunteers for workdays?

Yes. To make a request, please fill out our Volunteer Request form which can be found on our [Community Gardens Network webpage](#). Please note, that all volunteer requests be made with at least 6 weeks notice to allow us ample time to recruit volunteers and prep.