



Interested in growing food outside your home or in your neighborhood in the City of Kingston this season? We can help!

Given these challenging times, and due to the COVID-19 crisis, it is more important than ever that we are empowered to grow our own food to become self-reliant and resilient.

The Kingston YMCA Farm Project, Hudson Valley Farm Hub, Hudson Valley Seed Co, and Kingston Land Trust are offering materials, labor, and guidance to support folks in the City of Kingston to create raised-bed gardens outside of their homes or in their neighborhoods. We have the ability to install a garden bed at 20 residential locations in the City of Kingston in 2020.

With limited resources available, we are prioritizing low income, elderly, disabled / people with disabilities or chronic illness, migrant, refugee, Black, Indigenous, or People of Color, families with children, women, and trans* non-binary folks.

If you are selected to receive a garden, here's what you can expect:

We will come to your home to evaluate garden bed location and size. If you don't have space for a garden bed at your home, the Kingston Land Trust may be able to find you space for a garden bed in your neighborhood through their [Land Matching Program](#). You will receive a 4' x 8' raised garden bed (or size appropriate for your space), soil and compost, seeds, seedlings, and hand tools, if needed. A team will work with you to build and plant the garden bed. We will then provide garden support and information throughout the growing season to help you grow food. You will be responsible for maintaining your garden. This includes frequent watering, weeding, harvesting, and enjoying your homegrown vegetables.

If you or someone you know would be interested in a garden bed, please fill out the form below and submit online or return a paper form to the YMCA. We will be reviewing applications and providing this service on a rolling basis until supplies run out.

*If you would prefer to speak with someone by phone, please call Sara at 203.240.0563 (English) or Greg at 845.532.5735 (Spanish)



Kingston Garden Bed Request Form

Full Name(s): _____

Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____

Street Address (including apartment number if applicable): _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

The best way to reach me to follow up on my request is... Check your communication preferences

- Phone call
- Text
- Email
- Other: _____

How would a garden bed enhance your life? Describe your need, including the number of people in your household that would benefit from a garden bed (attach an extra page if needed)



Do you have access to a yard or outdoor space at your home or in your neighborhood that gets at least 6 hours of sun per day? If not, are you interested in support to find one through the Kingston Land Trust's [Land Matching Program](#)?

Is the space on a property you own? If not, do you have the necessary permissions?

Do you have any gardening experience? Would you be interested in guidance from our team?

Is there any personal information you wish to share about yourself or your household?

With limited resources available, we are prioritizing people who identify as low income, elderly, disabled / people with disabilities or chronic illness, migrant, refugee, Black, Indigenous, or People of Color, families with children, women, trans*non-binary folks, and others who need gardens the most.

Thank you for requesting a garden bed. We will be in touch soon.
*This program is modeled after Soul Fire Farm's "Soul Fire in the City Lawn to Garden Program."
We adapted language and questions for our request form from
Soul Fire Farm's work and are deeply appreciative of their work.*