

A watercolor illustration of green leaves and orange fruits, possibly lemons or oranges, scattered across a white background. The leaves are painted in various shades of green and blue-green, with some showing signs of being eaten or damaged. The fruits are bright orange and yellow, also appearing to be eaten or damaged. The overall style is soft and artistic.

# THE CAMPUS GARDENS HANDBOOK







# WELCOME TO THE CAMPUS GARDENS HANDBOOK!

This handbook is intended to serve as a resource for anyone involved in a UCB-affiliated garden or farm space. There has been tremendous learning, collaborations, roadblocks, and growth over the many years of agriculture and food activism present at UC Berkeley, and we feel that in order for our initiatives to continually grow and flourish, we must pass down essential knowledge to newer generations of campus gardeners. This is a collaborative effort to compile and distribute some essential information regarding leading + participating in UC-affiliated farm and garden spaces.

## WHO WROTE IT?

The leaders of the featured farms and gardens in fall of 2018. Compiled and edited by Hayley Covarrubias (SOGA) and Fabiha Fairouz (Campus Gardens Coordinator)

## FORMATS

### LIVING DIGITAL DOCUMENT

This Google Doc will be housed in the Campus Gardens Google Drive! This document is living and meaning it can be edited to accurately represent the gardens in the future!

### SHAREABLE PRINTED ZINE

A colorful physical zine containing all of the same information found on this google doc, perfect for easy reading and having as an in-garden resource.

### SHAREABLE DIGITAL ZINE

A PDF version of the printed zine.



# WHAT DOES IT INCLUDE?

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(who, what, where)

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# CH. 2

## CAMPUS GARDENS

## DIRECTORY

A quick who-what-where of some agricultural spaces  
at or affiliated to UC Berkeley.





## The Student Organic Gardening Association (SOGA)

A student-autonomous ¼ acre organic production garden and outdoor classroom.

Located on the corner of Walnut and Virginia St. one block off the northwest side of campus.

*Email: [studentorganicgarden@gmail.com](mailto:studentorganicgarden@gmail.com)*

*Facebook: [@soga.garden](https://www.facebook.com/soga.garden)*

*Instagram: [@sogagarden](https://www.instagram.com/sogagarden)*

## The UC Gill Tract Community Farm

Established in 2013, the UCGTCF is a collaborative project of the university and members of surrounding communities, committed to food justice and urban farming. The 2.8-acre plot serves as a community gathering place, production farm, and active classroom for experiential learning.

Located at the corner of Marin Ave. and San Pablo Ave., Albany

*Email: [ucgctf-stewardship-council@googlegroups.com](mailto:ucgctf-stewardship-council@googlegroups.com)*

*Website: [gilltractfarm.org](http://gilltractfarm.org)*

*Facebook: [@ucgilltractfarm](https://www.facebook.com/ucgilltractfarm)*

*Instagram: [@ucgilltractfarm](https://www.instagram.com/ucgilltractfarm)*

## The Housing and Dining Sustainability Advocates Gardens (HADSA)

Two small gardens affiliated with CalDining and the Residential Sustainability Program.

The Clark Kerr Edible Landscape (located on the south side of CKC) - grows herbs and seasonal veggies.

The Brown's Garden (located in the north plaza of Mulford Hall) - 4 raised beds containing medicinal and culinary herbs.

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*Facebook: [@HADSA Gardens](https://www.facebook.com/HADSA_Gardens)*



## Sustainable Campus Landscapes and Ecological Design DeCal

A semesterly on-campus agroecology DeCal that stewards the following garden spaces:

The garden near Barker Hall (the DeCal's main garden for instruction and gathering)

An herb garden at the Pat Brown's cafe

A plot at the front left of Mulford Hall

A plot within Giannini Hall's Native Garden

A garden at the Fannie Lou Hamer Black Student Resource Center

*Email: [megprier@gmail.com](mailto:megprier@gmail.com)*

## The Multicultural Community Center Garden

“A student-won, student-led space, the Multicultural Community Center strives to integrate student-driven and community-oriented management, decision-making and visioning in everything that we do. In conjunction with our close partners, the MCC facilitates students' greater involvement in multicultural-related education, collaborations and cross/inter-cultural community building.”

(credit: <https://campusclimate.berkeley.edu/students/ejce/mcc/about-us/our-story>)

Raised garden beds on the balcony of the MCC at the MLK Student Union

*Email: [mccseedlings@gmail.com](mailto:mccseedlings@gmail.com)*

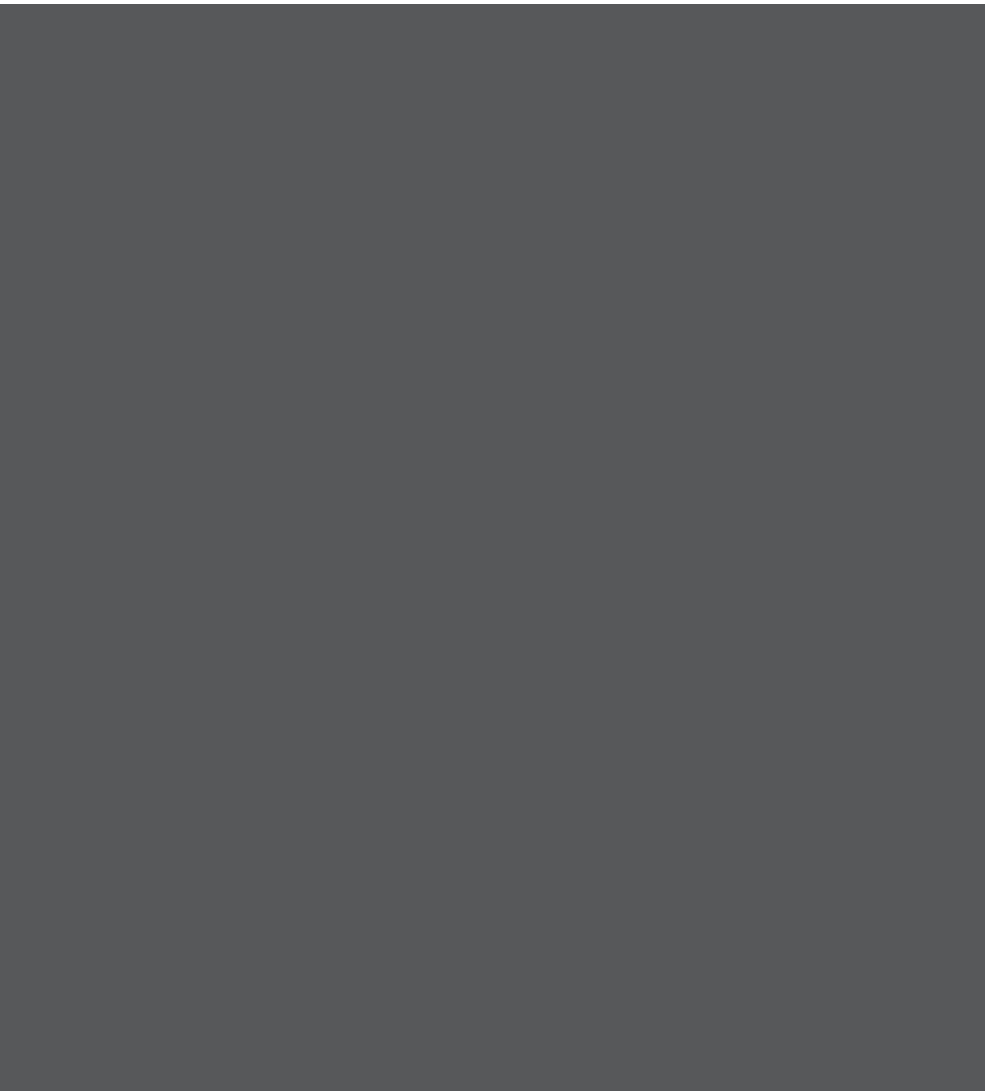
## Berkeley Student Co-op Gardens

All of the Berkeley Student Residential Co-ops have some sort of garden space, and each house has a designated garden manager that is elected each semester to coordinate and lead garden work. Find out more on the BSC website!

*<https://www.bsc.coop/index.php>*

# CH. 3

## GARDEN SPOTLIGHTS



# GARDEN SPOTLIGHTS

## SOGA



### **Mission Statement + Ethos:**

The Student Organic Gardening Association (SOGA) is a democratic student association of garden stewards and educators committed to sustainable organic gardening grounded in direct experience. Our garden aims to provide a year round creative thriving space for democratic experiential education centered in ecological and social justice.

### **Open Hours:**

Every Sunday 10am - 2pm. Additional open hours, events, and offerings posted to our Facebook!

### **Other offerings:**

We host 10-15 free workshops per year, run 1-2 fall DeCals and 1 spring DeCal, run a paid student internship program, and offer additional skill building events and garden soirees throughout the year.

# GILL TRACT



## Mission Statement + Ethos:

Our long-term goal is to establish a vibrant community managed food system centered on agroecological farming practices while implementing the principles of food justice. This includes people exercising their rights to grow, distribute and eat food that is fresh, nutritious, affordable and culturally appropriate with care for the well-being of the land and the workers. We see UCGTCF serving as a model for community-based research and the implementation of collaborative ideas.

Our shared governance structure and programming aim to promote community resilience. We are transmitting knowledge about growing and preparing healthy food to increase the consumption of locally grown produce. We develop and test models of equitable and affordable food distribution. We are building relationships with other food justice organizations and providing forums and opportunities for popular education. We make recommendations for food and land policies that encourage the expansion of urban lands under production.

## Open Hours:

Sunday 11:00 am – 5:00 pm  
Monday 10:00 am – 2:00 pm  
Tuesday 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm  
Wednesday 10:00 am – 2:00 pm  
Thursday 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

## Other offerings:

The Gill Tract hosts class visits, a DeCal, and many workshops and events throughout the year. There is an ongoing internship program at the Farm, which you can apply to every semester through the Berkeley Food Institute, found [here](#). There is an RSO associated with the Farm called the Gill Tract Student Coalition, as well as research opportunities with Tim Bowles, Jennifer Sowerwine, Miguel Altieri, and others. Finally, you can come get involved as a volunteer in any of the working groups at the farm, including Farm Management, Education and Events, Fundraising, and more! See our [website](#) for more details





### **Mission Statement + Ethos:**

We believe engaging with the process of growing our own food can positively impact our food security, mental health, and overall quality of life, and our goal is to facilitate spaces where anyone can hang out, pass through, learn something, collaborate, and enjoy food together.

At CKC Edible Landscape, the UC Gardeners and the Grounds Department, Cal Dining Chefs, and the Housing and Dining Sustainability Advocates Garden Coordinators, and student volunteers collaborate to maintain the garden and a portion of the orchards. One of the greatest strengths of this space is the connection built between students, residents and workers on the Clark Kerr campus and beyond.

### **Open Hours:**

TBA, check out our Facebook!

### **Other offerings:**

In addition to open hours, we hold skills training workshops and celebrations in the garden to build community and share knowledge, we work with dining hall staff and chefs to ensure that they have access to fresh, local herbs or produce in the dining halls, and we also have an active role in campus garden initiatives and coordinate with the Basic Needs Committee to provide food for students who need it.

# SUSTAINABLE CAMPUS LANDSCAPES AND ECOLOGICAL DESIGN DECAL



## Mission Statement + Ethos:

The Sustainable Campus Landscaping and Ecological Design Decal was started seven semesters ago by a group of students that felt that, first, there are a lot of underutilized and poorly landscaped spaces on campus. Second, that there is an inordinately high rate of food insecurity among Berkeley students and specifically BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) students who mostly feel marginalized from existing campus garden spaces. Third, millions of people worldwide are no longer food sovereign, meaning they don't have access to growing or eating healthy food, don't know how to grow food for themselves, or where their food even comes from. We address this by building and maintaining gardens on campus that specifically grow food for BIPOC food-insecure student communities through the course itself and donations to the Berkeley Student Food Pantry.

We are BIPOC people and we are taking a seat at the table to share our sacred and ancestral knowledge, first within ourselves, and then with each other. All students regardless of gender, racial or ethnic background are welcome to participate and ally with our efforts when they come with respect and integrity in their hearts and honor for our ancestors and our lived experiences.

## Open Hours:

Decals are historically held Mondays 4-6pm with the garden next to Barker Hall as the central meeting point. Current facilitators should be contacted to confirm each semester's scheduling and each week's class plan to see which garden we are meeting at.

# FANNIE LOU HAMER BLACK RESOURCE CENTER GARDEN

## **Mission Statement + Ethos:**

The Fannie Lou Hamer Black Resource Center is a safe space for black students to come together for services and support within their black community- which make up only 3% of the student body. The garden addition to the center is intended to create an opportunity for black students to reclaim their right to grow healthy food. Fannie Lou Hamer, was a black woman sharecropper in the post-antebellum south who pushed for the rights of black people after slavery- specifically their right to access land. Black people in America, forced to work in the plantations during the years of slavery, are now disproportionately affected by food security and diet-related illnesses. The Fannie Lou Hamer garden was created by black students in the Spring of 2018 to address how these issues are existing on campus and ways that students can make a difference. The garden is used to grow culturally relevant foods by black students and for black students.

Though black students will get priority in garden positions and harvesting for produce, we collaborate with other student groups and encourage people of all gender, race, and ethnic backgrounds to be involved in our space.

## **Open Hours:**

TBD.

Workdays coordinated with SCLED DeCal are held during their class hours. In the future, we hope to set weekly open hours along with workshops and events specifically in the garden.

We encourage black students to come into the center and ask about ways they can get involved.

## **Other offerings:**

We hold garden workshops, events, and collaborate with the Sustainable Campus Landscaping and Ecological Design DeCal to facilitate learning and discussion. Reach out to blake simons ([bsimons@berkeley.edu](mailto:bsimons@berkeley.edu)) for more information!





# CH.4

## GOING FURTHER THAN VOLUNTEERING: PAID AND UNPAID LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Many of the prominent community garden spaces offer a multitude of ways to be deeply involved in their initiatives, beyond volunteering. Here is a look at some of them, and the variety of ways they are funded!

# PAID AND UNPAID LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

## SOGA

### PAID

For the past 4 years (thanks to two grants from TGIF) SOGA has been able to provide paid internship/management opportunities to students involved in coordination at our garden. In the Spring and Fall, 3 students are hired for 5 hours of work per week, and in the summer for 15 hours per week. This offering will continue in 2019 and hopefully beyond, given we find additional funding.

### UNPAID

SOGA is made up of a vibrant leadership base! Come to our open hours, a general meeting (posted on FB), enroll in or facilitate one of SOGA's DeCals, or enroll in one of our partner courses such as ESPM 117 or 118 to become a steward of this space.

## FANNIE LOU HAMER BLACK RESOURCE CENTER GARDEN

### PAID

We currently have 2 paid positions for garden internships through the Fannie Lou Hamer Black Resource Center using funds granted by the The Green Initiative Fund. However, the availability of paid positions varies on securing yearly funding. It is our hope to create a university employee paid position for the maintenance of the garden.

### UNPAID

Student employees of the Fannie Lou Hamer resource center will regularly help out with watering and maintenance of the garden.



## GILL TRACT

### PAID

At the moment, the only paid positions at the farm are through SPUR or URAP positions with research groups and professors on campus. These positions include a stipend that can be used to support your research project.

### UNPAID

Apply to our Urban Agriculture and Education Internship here and get course credit for working on the farm with Farm Management, Education and Events, the Medicinal Herb Garden, and more! We will be hosting a DeCal in the Fall of 2019, with opportunities for facilitation. We also have a registered RSO "Gill Tract Student Coalition" that hosts events and supports projects through The Green Initiative Fund including building greenhouses, working with the Segorea Te Land Trust, and more.



## HADSA

### PAID

Garden Coordinator position on the Housing and Dining Sustainability Advocates team, employed through the Residential & Student Service Programs (RSSP)

### UNPAID

If people have ideas for events/projects they are always welcome to reach out to the facebook or email and we will collaborate on projects. We currently partner with ESPM 117 and the Global Environmental theme house to support semester-long student projects, we love the collaboration!



## SUSTAINABLE CAMPUS LANDSCAPES AND ECOLOGICAL DESIGN DECAL

### UNPAID

This past summer we had one unpaid internship for maintenance of the garden but internship positions change based on the availability of our funding.

Through TGIF we have limited funding that we hope to allocate towards having a secure summer internship position for maintaining the network of gardens we steward through the DeCal.

### PAID

Every semester we open up DeCal facilitation positions to students who have demonstrated strong leadership and teaching skills. In these unpaid positions, facilitators receive 2 units of credit for their work. Leadership positions are reserved for BIPOC and LGBTQ+ students only.





# CH.5

## GARDEN MONEY

How does one find, acquire, and spend much needed funding?! Let's talk about it!

# GARDEN MONEY

## FUNDING AND THE ROLE OF THE CAMPUS GARDENS COORDINATOR

### OVERALL COORDINATION:

Overall, the Campus Gardens Coordinator (CGC) supports campus farms and gardens with coordination amongst the gardens, between gardens and Basic Needs, University administration, and the BFI. This includes coordinating monthly garden manager meetings, representing gardens in food security and other campus spaces and working with Campus Planning to facilitate approvals for new and existing gardens. The CGC also supervises student positions supporting the gardens.

### COMMUNICATION:

The CGC supports with communication through the campus gardens website, gardens calendar, advertising events to newsletter and list-servs. The CGC also represents UC Berkeley gardens in UC-wide gardens networks and conferences.

### FUNDING ADMINISTRATION:

The BFI fiscally sponsors gardens that get grants (holds and reimburses the funds), hires garden positions so that they can be work-study eligible, and administers any collective grants that come in for multiple gardens. The University's work-study program is a federally funded program that pays for half of the wages for eligible students. The CGC supports with this administration.

## WHY BECOME A REGISTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATION?

All student organizations may register with the ASUC as a RSO to receive official recognition from the University. RSOs are able to access campus resources including funding opportunities, reserving meeting room spaces, and a bank account. RSOs can access these services through Callink.com. RSOs are also recognized as 501c3 nonprofits and can receive tax-deductible donations from other organizations and companies (i.e. an RSO can ask Acme to donate bread -- Note: must obtain Federal ID number from ASUC to provide to donor for their tax-write off).

Each year your org has to re-register as an RSO. Please follow the instructions on Callink to re-register your organization as an RSO each August.

# TIMELINE AND ACTIONS FOR RSO RE-REGISTRATION

MID AUGUST  
EVERY YEAR

RE-REGISTER THE RSO

GIVES ORGANIZATION ACCESS TO  
CAMPUS FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES, NON-  
PROFIT STATUS, RESERVING CLASS-  
ROOM SPACES, AND A BANK ACCOUNT

MID AUGUST  
EVERY YEAR

4 MEMBERS TAKE SIGNATORY CERTIFICATION  
AGREEMENT  
2 OF THOSE MEMBERS ATTEND SIGNATORY  
ORIENTATION (SEE [CALLINK.BERKELEY.EDU](http://CALLINK.BERKELEY.EDU) FOR  
DATES OF ORIENTATIONS IN LATE JULY - MID  
AUGUST)

MANDATORY FOR RSO  
RE-REGISTRATION

MID AUGUST  
EVERY YEAR

AT LEAST 2 MEMBERS COMPLETE THE  
FINANCIAL AGENT CERTIFICATION QUIZ

MUST DO TO GET ACCESS TO BANK  
ACCOUNT AND MAKE PURCHASE RE-  
QUESTS FOR REIMBURSEMENTS WITH  
ORG FUNDS

# AGRICULTURE RELATED FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR RSO'S:

## **SERC DeCal Fellowship:**

Awards \$200 budgets to DeCals covering topics of sustainability and environmentalism.

## **SERC Sponsorship Program:**

see SERC website.

## **The Green Initiative Fund (TGIF):**

Provides funding, via grants, for projects that improve and support UC Berkeley's campus sustainability efforts.

## **Ethnic Studies' 5th Account:**

Funds are available for student group projects, activities or events that are ethnic-specific and educational to the general campus community.

## **Berkeley Wellness Fund:**

The Wellness Fund supports wellness services and programming for students, as well as renovations, furnishings, and alterations to existing spaces required to support these new wellness programs.

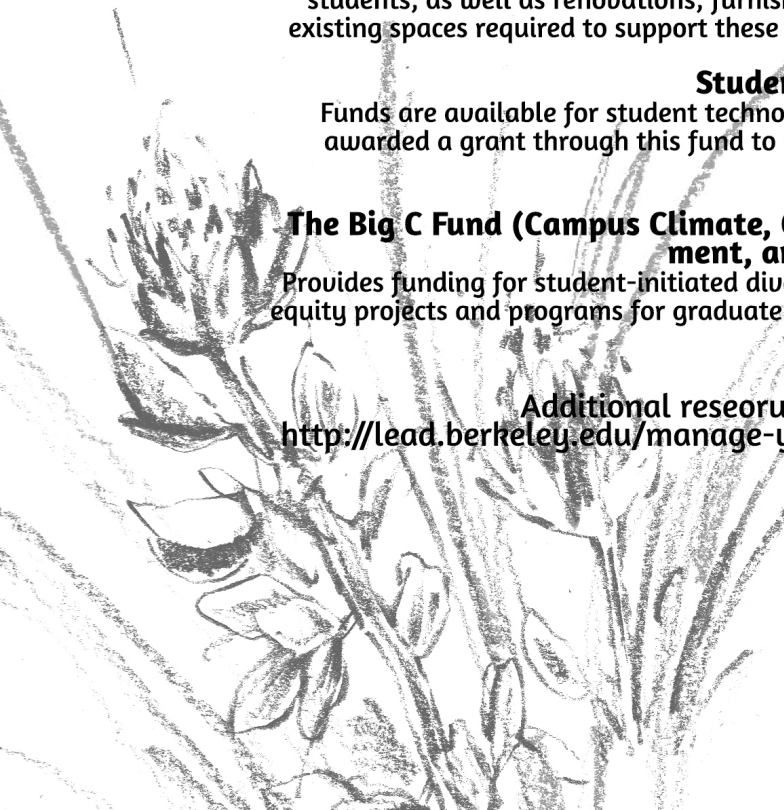
## **Student Technology Fund:**

Funds are available for student technology projects. SOGA was awarded a grant through this fund to purchase a solar panel + generator.

## **The Big C Fund (Campus Climate, Community Engagement, and Transformation):**

Provides funding for student-initiated diversity, multicultural and equity projects and programs for graduate and undergraduate students and communities.

Additional resources can be found at  
<http://lead.berkeley.edu/manage-your-organization/fund-your-org/>





## ACCESSING BANK ACCOUNT + ISSUING REIMBURSEMENTS AS AN RSO:

After completing the RSO re-registration process including 4 Signatories, the orientations, and the Financial Agent Quiz, the RSO will have access to the bank account at [callink.berkeley.edu](http://callink.berkeley.edu) where organization funds are kept. The ASUC bank accounts for RSOs operate on a reimbursement process. This is important to keep in mind because members of the RSO will have to front the costs of purchases and wait approximately 2 weeks for the reimbursement from the ASUC. If the organization has funds, a member of the organization can make purchases AND KEEP THE RECEIPT and a certified Financial Agent of the RSO can submit a Purchase Request through Callink. Another certified Financial Agent views the Purchase Request and puts it in "Stage 2". The first Agent will then print out the Purchase Request, staple the receipt to it, and take the packet to the LEAD Center office on the 4th floor of Eshelman. The LEAD Center will then go through its internal review process and email the reimbursee when the reimbursement check is ready for pick up at the office.

## FUNDING, RESOURCES, AND MONEY MANAGEMENT FOR NON-RSO'S

### **Fundraising & Grants:**

Any garden can do a crowdfunding campaign or apply for on-campus funding opportunities (TGIF, Wellness Fund, Student Tech Fund, CACSSF, etc.). Gardens may need a fiscal sponsor (ie. BFI). For grants external to the University, a department (ie. BFI) needs to write and submit the grant through the University's Sponsored Projects Office.

### **Using Funds to Purchase Materials:**

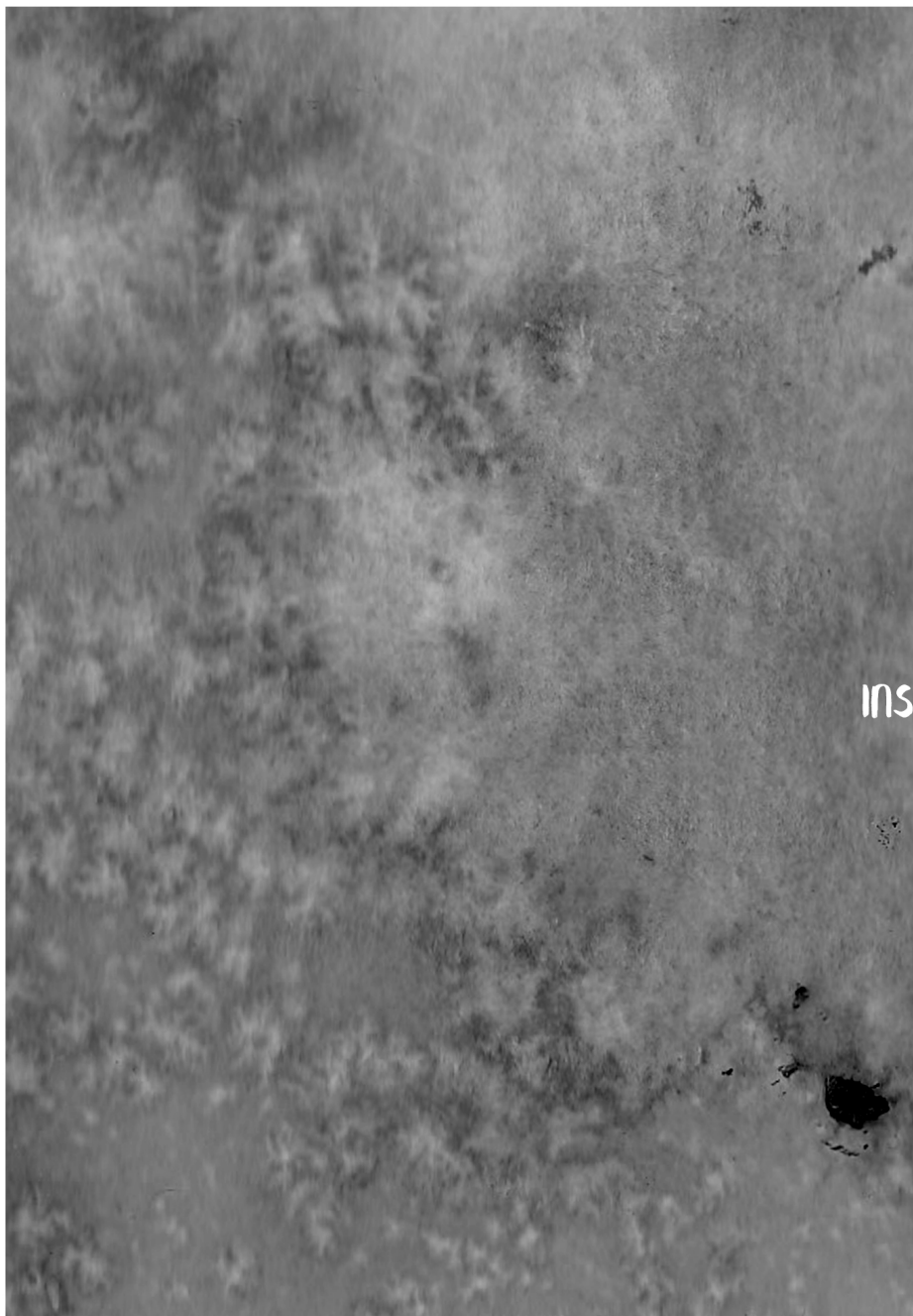
The fiscal sponsor will hold the funds in their bank account and can reimburse gardens for purchases they make up front. Clear receipts for purchases made with a card only are necessary for reimbursements. Alternatively, the fiscal sponsor can make purchases for items upfront that can be bought through the University's purchasing program.

### **Hiring Student Positions:**

RSOs can pay student positions stipends, but can not take advantage of the work-study program. Fiscal sponsors can hire students as University employees, including work-study eligible students. The University takes a 1.5% administrative fee on student employee wages.

### **Sharing resources between gardens:**

The CGC can support in collaborations between gardens to share tools, starts, etc. and to share knowledge and problem solve issues that arise



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# CH.7

## INSTITUTIONALIZING STUDENT-LEAD GARDEN SPACES

Nearly every one of the campus gardens has endured or is currently enduring the grueling process that is institutionalizing your space in the eyes of the University. The campus gardens are all a part of a legacy reaching back over 45 years that centers protecting stewarded land from development or removal, a goal that is constantly in direct conflict with the wishes of University administration. The institutionalization of our (often radical) spaces has led to greater respect from University admin, and the ability to work towards a more constructive future for agriculture/food/social activism on campus. What has this looked like? What are the pros and cons? How would one go about this process? We dive into this here.

# INSTITUTIONALIZING STUDENT-LEAD GARDEN SPACES

The Campus Gardens Coordinator is in efforts to clarify and streamline the approval processes for on-campus land use, including campus gardens. In the meantime, our experiences have led to one or more of the following approvals being asked for. Not all of these apply to or have been required for every space. The process of getting these approvals and even knowing which approvals are necessary has largely been confusing, unclear and lacked transparency. We have also found that academic support through a faculty sponsor or integration with academic courses and curricula have been required in some cases and in others instrumental in supporting campus approvals. Campus funding sources, including TGIF (The Green Initiative Fund), may require some of the following approvals before granting funds.

## ACCESSIBILITY (ADA)

To get approval from the Campus Access Services Office, particularly for on-campus spaces, gardens need to be ADA accessible or have an alternate ADA accessible space for programming. Accessibility requires clear, wide, sufficiently packed and slip resistant paths and no steps or barriers to entry for someone using a wheelchair. Ideally the garden would have signage explaining ADA accessibility or, for spaces that are not ADA accessible, where the alternate accessible space is. Contact the Disability Compliance and Campus Access Services Manager for more details ([access.berkeley.edu](http://access.berkeley.edu))

## GROUND AND FACILITIES

Grounds is responsible for maintaining all landscape and physical space on campus outside of buildings. Grounds wants upfront approval, agreement on responsibilities that Grounds and the garden group will take on, and clarity on the point(s) of contact for the garden and for Grounds. Grounds generally is responsible for pruning existing shrubs and trees and will support with the implementation of irrigation. Grounds expect students to maintain the space well (ie. weeds, pests, etc.) and store tools and hoses when not in use. Over breaks and summers, Grounds expects students to maintain the garden or to properly shut it down for the break. If a garden is permanently closed, Grounds want the site cleared and restored to its original form as much as possible. Contact Felix Deleon, Associate Director of Facilities Services.



## BUILDING MANAGEMENT

As needed, coordinate with the building manager for the neighboring building. For a garden that is on a roof, the garden would need to confirm roof loading capacity before adding additional weight and confirm that the roof waterproofing is sufficient and hasn't leaked recently. The garden would need to allow access to the roof for repairs or replacement if needed

## RISK MANAGEMENT

Risk Management is responsible for campus safety and liability. They may be concerned with fall and other safety risks depending on the garden location.

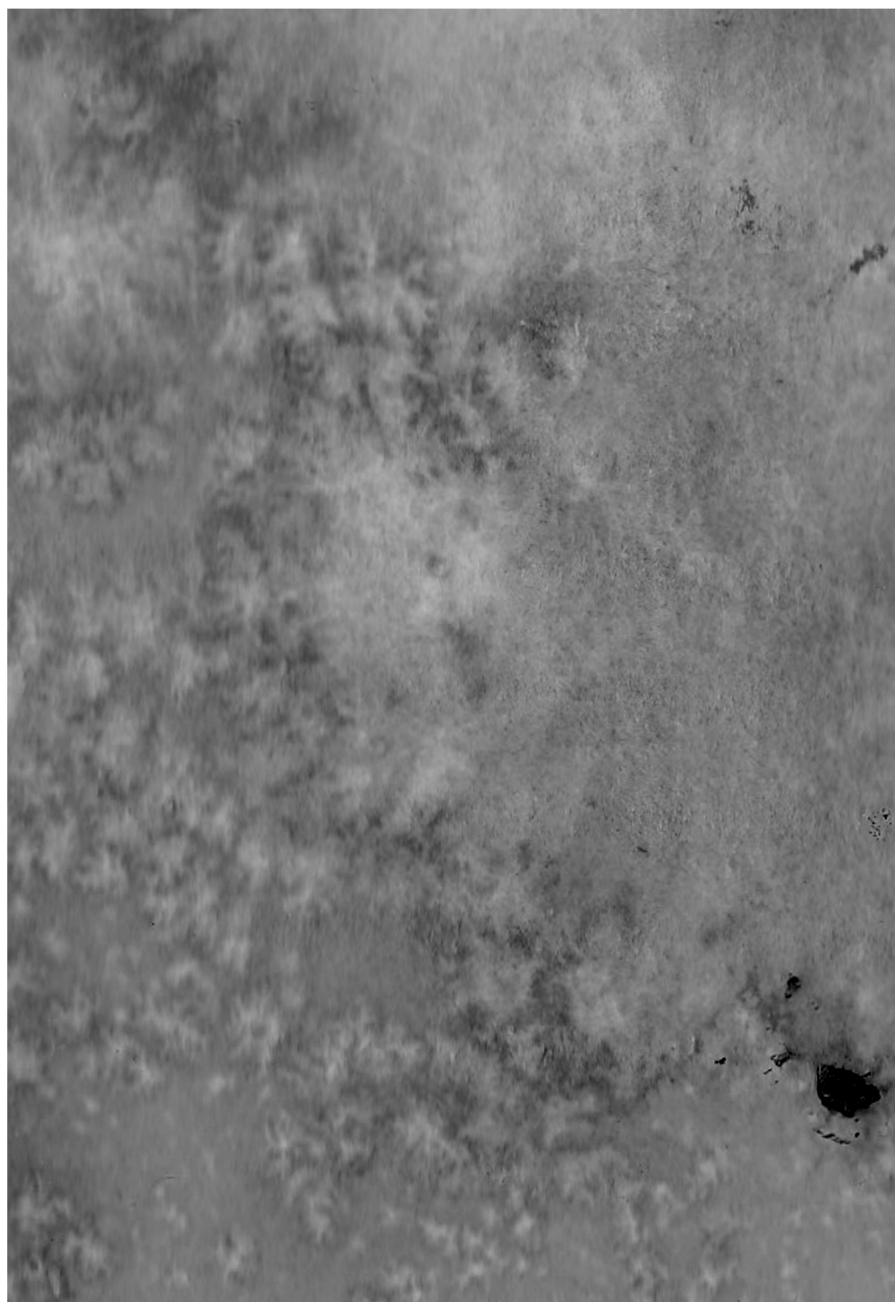
## CAMPUS PLANNING

Campus Planning oversees campus aesthetics, land use and land use allocations. Any new garden proposal would likely go through Planning for approval and Planning may need to review new physical installations (ie. tool storage, containers, etc.)

## ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY

EH&S may need to be contacted for approval and might be concerned with pests, odors (ie. from compost) and how developing a site may impact safety.





# CH.8

The UC Berkeley Food Pantry is a direct response to the need among the student and staff population for more resources to fight food insecurity. With 39% of the undergraduate population, as well as 23% of graduate students at risk of being food insecure, the UC Berkeley Food Pantry serves as part of campus-wide efforts to provide emergency relief to help both students and staff at the University of California. Nearly all of the UCB farms and gardens have worked with the Food Pantry since its inception to provide them with farm fresh produce year round! Let's keep this up!



# WELCOME TO THE FOOD PANTRY

WE ARE AN EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE RESOURCE FOR BERKELEY  
STUDENTS AND STAFF EXPERIENCING FOOD INSECURITY

## HOUSE RULES

2 VISITS PER MONTH

5 POINTS PER VISIT

1 POINT PER ITEM

2-FOR-1 YOGURT, GRANOLA BARS

2 POINTS FOR FROZEN CHICKEN AND EGGS

0 POINTS FOR PRODUCE/BREAD/DONATED ITEMS

MAX 215 ITEMS IS FROZEN

ONLY ONE OF EACH:  
PASTA, RICE, BEVERAGE, CEREAL

ADDITIONAL 5 POINTS PER DEPENDENT





“Every day at the Pantry is different – whether its sorting through 60 dozen eggs with some of the kindest individuals I’ve ever met, driving our little but mighty electric vehicle to a pop-up location, or welcoming a new face to the Pantry, I am continuously reminded of and energized by the compassion and village effort it takes to keep our operation running.”

- Stella Zhu, Food Pantry Coordinator

“Working at the food pantry has been really exceptional; it has taught me about the community I am a part of, the spaces I want to be in going forward, and, importantly, the growth I need to seek out.”

- Ibrahim Ramoul Menendez, Gardens Basic Needs Coordinator

## CONTACT

Email: [foodsystcoords@gmail.com](mailto:foodsystcoords@gmail.com)

Website: [pantry.berkeley.edu](http://pantry.berkeley.edu)

Facebook: [facebook.com/pg/ucberkeleyfoodpantry](https://facebook.com/pg/ucberkeleyfoodpantry)

## LOCATION

The UCB Food Pantry is nestled at #68 MLK Student Union (Basement Floor)

## HOW TO DONATE

To donate to the Food Pantry, start by setting up a regular time for donations. As the Food Pantry has limited resources for picking up, dropping off produce is preferred! Please make sure to not cut produce. To set up a time for donations, send an email to [foodsystcoords@gmail.com](mailto:foodsystcoords@gmail.com) to let the Pantry know what day/time you would want to donate.

## HOURS

MON: 10AM – 7PM

TUES: 11.30AM – 7PM

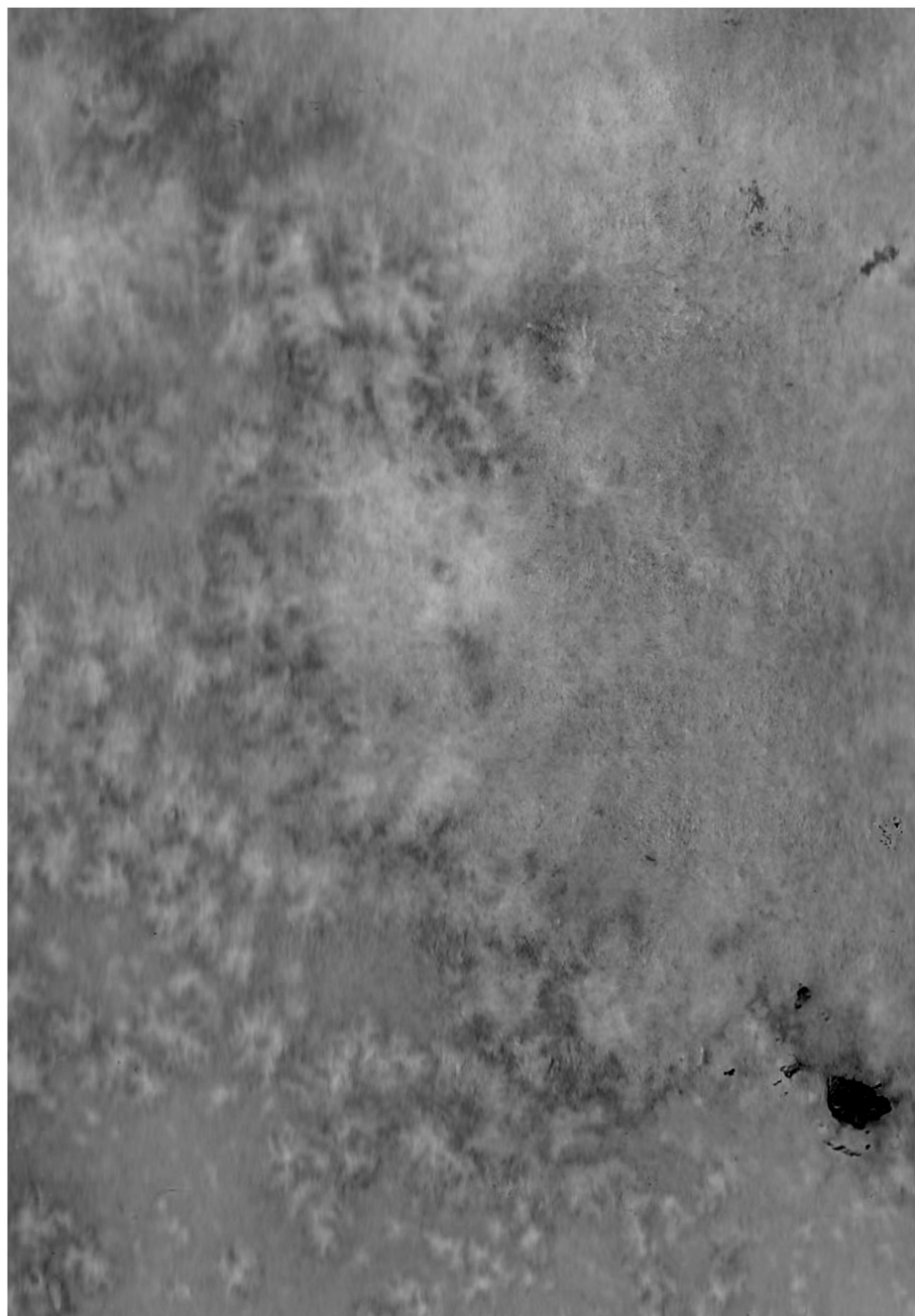
WED: 11AM – 7PM

THURS: 10AM – 7PM

FRI: 11.30AM – 7PM

SAT: 10AM – 3PM

SUN: CLOSED



# CH.9

## RESOURCE SHARE

The East Bay is home to a plethora of gardening spaces and resources! This chapter will detail a list of spaces and places to find and learn about all your gardening goods.

# RESOURCE SHARES

## A STARTER LIST OF BAY AREA AGRICULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS

### BERKELEY AND ALBANY

**UC Gill Tract Community Farm:**  
gilltractfarm.org  
510-292-3418

Collaborative project between UC Berkeley and the community, focused on food justice and urban farming. The farm hosts a multitude of events, including workshops and community farm parties!. Volunteer or visit during open hours, Sunday - Thursday.

**Spiral Gardens Community Food Security Project:**  
spiralgardens.org  
510-843-1307

Work to improve community health and sustainability by providing access to nutritious and affordable produce and promoting local food systems and soil health. Community farm and plant nursery. Volunteer during open hours.

### OAKLAND

**Acta Non Verba: Youth Urban Farm Project:**  
anufarm.org  
510-878-7235

Located in East Oakland, ANV challenges oppressive dynamics and environments through urban farming. Visit their website for specific and general volunteer positions.

**City Slicker Farms:**  
cityslickerfarms.org  
510 763-4241

Empowers West Oakland community to meet the basic need for healthy food for themselves and their families by creating organic, sustainable, and high-yield urban farms and backyard gardens. See website for volunteer needs.

**Farms to Grow:**  
farmstogrow.com,  
510-379-8600

Works with Black farmers and underserved sustainable farmers nationwide. Committed to sustainable farming and innovative agriculture practices which preserve the cultural and biological diversity and agroecological balance.

**Oakland Unified School District School Gardens Program:**  
510-776-5556,  
ousd.org/domain/100

OUSD Garden Education's goal is to establish and maintain a garden in every school to reflect child's inherent right to healthy, locally-produced food and teach about food systems and justice.

**Planting Justice:**  
plantingjustice.org  
510-290-4049

Design-build company for edible permaculture gardens. Central to its core is food sovereignty, and economic justice and community healing. Volunteer opportunities available.

**Top Leaf Farms:**  
topleaffarms.com  
831-667-2376  
farmtheroof@gmail.com

Urban design space offering design and consultation services for living roofs on residential and commercial projects, including input and design services at any level of the design process, the schematic, conceptual, developed design and in producing construction documents. Internships available.

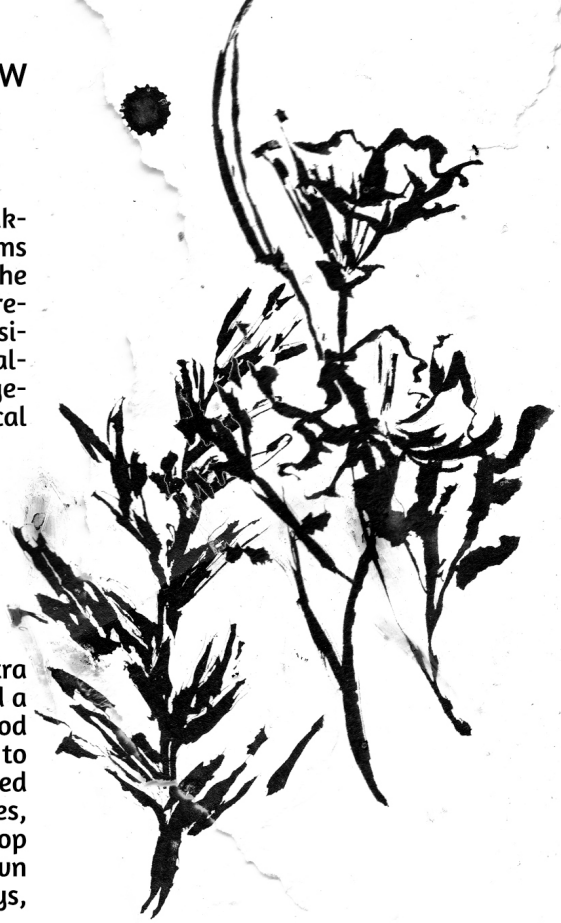
**WOW Produce Farm / WOW  
Flower Farm:**  
510-858-5068  
gametheoryacademy-  
.org/wow-farm/

Utilizes urban farm spaces in West Oakland as production sites and classrooms for a business run by youth under the mentorship of experienced entrepreneurs, educators, and farmers. The business produces and delivers organically-produced root vegetables, leaf vegetables, herbs and flowers to local restaurants.

## **RICHMOND**

**Urban Tilth:**  
urbantilth.org  
510-232-0911

Cultivates agriculture in west Contra Costa County to help community build a more sustainable, healthy, and just food system. Hires and trains residents to work with schools, community-based organizations, government agencies, businesses, and individuals to develop the capacity to produce 5% of their own food supply. Holds volunteer work days, visit website for more info.



## **RESOURCES FOR SUPPLIES & MATERIALS**

### **COMPOST AND SOIL**

- **City of Berkeley Free Compost program**  
Monthly at the Berkeley Marina. Details:  
[cityofberkeley.info/Parks\\_Rec\\_Waterfront/Marina/Free\\_Compost\\_for\\_Berkeley\\_Residents.aspx](http://cityofberkeley.info/Parks_Rec_Waterfront/Marina/Free_Compost_for_Berkeley_Residents.aspx)
- **Check Craigslist for occasional free soil and compost giveaways!**
- **Acapulco Soil and Rock has affordable and great quality wholesale soil + compost!**  
SOGA and Gill Tract have utilized them frequently.

## SEED AND PLANTS

### Bay Area Seed Interchange Library (BASIL)

[ecologycenter.org/basil/](http://ecologycenter.org/basil/)

Located at the Berkeley Ecology Center BASIL has free seeds to grow in exchange for saving seed.

### UC Gill Tract Community Farm

[gilltractfarm.org](http://gilltractfarm.org)

Located in Albany. Has plant starts at Sunday farm stand.

### Spiral Gardens Nursery

[spiralgardens.org](http://spiralgardens.org)

specializes in food plants and has soil.

### Berkeley Horticultural

[berkeleyhort.com](http://berkeleyhort.com)

Commercial full-service nurseries in Berkeley with plants, soil, amendments.

### East Bay Nursery

[eastbaynursery.com](http://eastbaynursery.com)

Garden center in Berkeley with native plants, fruit trees & organic vegetable seeds, plus eco-friendly supplies.

### Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds

[rareseeds.com](http://rareseeds.com)

Online local seed resource that with a collection of over 1800 varieties of rare and unusual heirloom seeds.

## ONLINE RESOURCES

### UC Agriculture and Natural Resources Urban Agriculture

[ucanr.edu/sites/UrbanAg/](http://ucanr.edu/sites/UrbanAg/)

has information on soils, pests, zoning, chickens, goats, water, and more.

### Berkeley Ecology Center

[ecologycenter.org/factsheets/](http://ecologycenter.org/factsheets/)

has fact sheets on using graywater, saving seed, building raised beds, and more. Center also holds workshops and classes at their West Berkeley office/store.

### California Master Gardener Program

[mg.ucanr.edu/](http://mg.ucanr.edu/)

offers UC research-based information about home horticulture and pest management to the public.

### Cropmobster

[sfbay.cropmobster.com](http://sfbay.cropmobster.com)

CropMobster is an online community-based exchange system for within the food and agricultural space. CropMobster SF Bay is focused on providing a local community for hunger relievers, tackle food waste and build our "farm-to-fork" economy in the San Francisco Bay Area.

### Co-Garden : Sunil Nair,

(415) 915-GROW

[Rsunil.nair@gmail.com](mailto:Rsunil.nair@gmail.com)

The Cogarden Platform promotes social interactions with food growing communities that inspires a transparent, equitable, and cooperative food economy.

## TRAININGS

### Bay Friendly Landscaping

[rescapeca.org](http://rescapeca.org)

[info@ReScapeCA.org](mailto:info@ReScapeCA.org)

510-859-8026

Advocate and expert in sustainable landscapes. Hub for sustainable landscape training, technical data and resources

### East Bay Urban Farmer

Field School

[eastbayurbanfarmers.com](http://eastbayurbanfarmers.com)

Monthly workshops at different farms address technical skills, community building, and leadership development.



**Green Thumb Works**  
[greenthumbworks.com](http://greenthumbworks.com)  
Sandra Neval-Lee  
510-502-0992

Focuses on residential landscape horticulture in the San Francisco and East Bay Area.

**MESA Bay Area Farmer Training Program**  
[mesaprogram.org](http://mesaprogram.org)  
510-654-8858.

MESA's Bay Area Farmer Training Program provides the education, training and tools for a new generation of farmers to create socially-just, ecologically sustainable and economically viable urban and peri-urban businesses.

**Sustainable Agriculture Education Association (SAEA)**  
[sustainableaged.org](http://sustainableaged.org)

SAEA promotes and supports the development, application, research, and exchange of teaching and learning practices in sustainable agriculture education and curricula.

**The Plant Exchange**  
[theplantexchange.com](http://theplantexchange.com)  
[info@theplantexchange.com](mailto:info@theplantexchange.com)  
510-866-8482

Twice-a-year free community event based in Oakland that encourages neighborliness, reuse, recycling, organic living, resource sharing, and information exchange. For all gardeners, landscapers, urban farmers, and outdoor fans.

**eOrganic Webinars:**  
[eorganic.info](http://eorganic.info)

Learn the latest in organic farming practices and research by attending or watching and sign up for upcoming webinars.







A watercolor illustration of green leaves and orange fruits, possibly oranges or lemons, scattered across a white background. The leaves are painted in various shades of green, from light to dark, with some showing texture and shading. The fruits are painted in shades of orange and red, with some showing a textured, slightly rough surface. The overall style is soft and artistic.

**THANK YOU!**