St. Louis Backyard Sustainability Resources

Adult Education Services

Seed St. Louis Gardening Classes

Current Classes: seedstl.org/classes | Recorded Classes: youtube.com/SeedStLouis

Seed St. Louis offers classes on various garden, education, and orchard-related topics throughout the year. These vary between virtual and in-person classes. Additional classes are conducted at St. Louis County Libraries throughout the year. All classes are free and open to the public. Further information is available in our newsletter, social media, and website.

EarthDance Gardening Classes

earthdancefarms.org/programs/workshops-classes

With both individual workshops and season-long classes, EarthDance provides knowledge for those looking to learn small scale farming and gardening. A great place to also volunteer to get hands-on experience.

Perennial Recycling and Sustainability

perennialstl.org/events/category/classes/

Perennial offers classes on recyclable materials and consuming sustainably.

Gardening Resources

Seedling Sales

seedstl.org/plant-sales/

Seed St. Louis holds three seedling sales in spring, summer, and fall. There are also three additional sales at the beginning and end of the growing season. Our March sale includes seed potatoes, onions, and more. Our Garlic and Shallots sale is in October. At our summer sale, we also sell sweet potato slips. Our sales include tested varieties that we know grow and produce well in St. Louis.

Seed Packets

seedstl.square.site/

Seed St. Louis sells seed packets at discounted prices through our online store. Vegetable, herb, and flower seed packets are available for $0.25. We also offer a specially selected variety of seeds that have been tested and grow well in our climate for $1.50.

Seed St. Louis Store

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The Seed St. Louis store sells recommended Seed St. Louis products, including organic sprays, powders, traps, insect netting, row covers, and select seeds. Limb spreaders and trunk wraps for orchard trees are also available for purchase. All orders are for in-person pickup only.

Compost & Mulch

Compost and wood mulch are available for free pick-up to any city resident, courtesy of St. Louis City's Forestry Division, at the following locations:

- *Bell & Vandeventer, Ward 18 - Next to the Gateway Greening Demonstration Garden*
- *9th & Barton, Ward 7*
- *Geyer & Ohio, Ward 6 - On Geyer, west of Ohio*
- *Chippewa & Oregon, Ward 20 - NE corner*
- *Park & Dolman, Ward 6 - On Dolman, south of Park*
- *Carondelet Park, Ward 13 - East end of the park off Holly Hills and west of the YMCA*
- *Hickory Park, Ward 2 - Conduit Drive*

St. Louis City's Forestry Division will deliver compost, mulch, and tree stumps to St. Louis City school gardens. To schedule a delivery for your school garden, please call (314) 613-7200.

Mulch can also be requested through the website chipdrop.com. This mulch comes from tree trimming companies. They will also often happily deliver locally produced mulch that works great in the garden if you contact them directly.

Other Garden Supplies

5-gallon buckets: *Members of Seed St. Louis network gardens can receive clean, lidded 5-gallon buckets for free by contacting garden@seedstl.org. Food-grade buckets are often available through the bakery department at your local grocery store, and most will give away for free. One store we are aware of is Straub's; call ahead to reserve buckets. Phone: (314) 725-2121, Address: 8282 Forsyth Blvd, Clayton, MO 63105*

Burlap Sacks: *Free, used burlap coffee sacks that can be used for weed suppression are available from Ronnoco Coffee Company Fridays at noon at their dock. Phone: (314) 371-5050, Address: 318 S. Boyle Ave, St. Louis, MO, 63110*

Native Trees: *Forest ReLeaf distributes native trees through their CommuniTree program. This program is available for public or nonprofit plantings (neighborhood associations, schools, Scouts, churches, cities, municipalities and other community groups) in Missouri and surrounding communities. https://moreleaf.org/project-communitree/*

Native Plants: *Brightside STL distributes native plants through their Neighbors Naturescaping program to public groups (nonprofits, neighborhood associations, community groups and school groups) located within St. Louis city limits.*
https://www.brightsidestl.org/what-we-do/neighbors-naturescaping/

Pest Control Resources

Missouri Botanical Garden

tinyurl.com/mobot-your-garden

Missouri Botanical Garden can help you identify and deter various pests in the garden by large animals, disease, insects, environmental factors, and weeds.

The Giving Grove

www.givinggrove.org/field-guide

The Giving Grove is a national organization that aids orchard plantings and maintenance. Along with other orchard resources, they have a pest ID tool for fruit and nut trees.

Advocacy and Political Resources

Missouri Coalition for the Environment (MCE)

moenvironment.org/

Missouri Coalition for the Environment (MCE) is Missouri's independent, citizens' environmental organization for clean water, clean air, clean energy, and a healthy environment. They are a trusted, non-partisan, 501(c)(3) state-level environmental advocacy organization that supports allied organizations and initiatives around the state.

Sierra Club

www.sierraclub.org/missouri/eastern-missouri

Sierra Club's mission is to explore, enjoy, and protect the planet. They have year round events and clean ups, plus do work with trail maintenance and legislature.

Energy Resources

Residential Solar Power

dnr.mo.gov/energy/landscape/sources/solar

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources compiled a list of requirements, first steps, grants, and contacts to install solar power in your home.

Other Resources

Seed St. Louis Website

seedstl.org/

Our website has multiple resources including:

- *Our Blog: Learn about our variety trials, gardening tips and what we have been up to.* ***seedstl.org/tips_tricks_categories/blog/***
- *Construction Guides: These guides include raised beds, compost bins and benches.* ***seedstl.org/tips_tricks_categories/construction-guides/***
- *Planting Guides: These guides are planting instructions for things like garlic, potatoes, mushroom spawn and more.* ***seedstl.org/tips_tricks_categories/planting-guides/***

Seed St. Louis YouTube channel

youtube.com/@SeedStLouis

Our YouTube channel includes:

- *Class recordings*
- *Short instructional videos*

Seed St. Louis Social Media & Newsletter

Follow us on social media to learn timely gardening information.

- *Facebook @SeedStLouis*
- *Instagram: @seedstlouis*
- *Threads: @seedstlouis*
- *YouTube: @SeedStLouis*

Our monthly newsletter contains timely gardening information, upcoming classes and events, and more.

- *Sign up: https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/sl/LWtKCyf*

The Missouri Conservationist

mdc.mo.gov/missouri-conservationist

Missouri Department of Conservation provides a free monthly magazine (print or email) to Missouri residents. There's information on local fauna and flora; hikes; nature activities; conservation updates; science articles; and events calendar.

Educational Resources

- *Start a Community Food Garden* by LaManda Joy
- *The Holistic Orchard* by Michael Phillips
- *How to Grow a School Garden* by Arden Bucklin-Sporer and Rachel Kathleen Pringle
- *2026 Herbal Almanac* by Llewellyn Publications