St. Louis Garden Resources

Adult Education Services

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.

School & Youth Garden Services

Seed to STEM Curriculum

seedstl.org/seed-to-stem-curriculum/

Seed St. Louis offers a "Seed to STEM" curriculum for grades K-5. This program emphasizes life science topics and builds connections between nature, food, and the school community. Curriculum aligns with NGSS and MySci Lessons; lesson plans and accompanying journal pages are available online.

Consultations

seedstl.org/invite-an-educator-to-your-school/

Consultations are available to educators and youth garden leaders seeking specific advice or individualized support in program development and garden planning. If you're not sure what kind of support you need, requesting a consultation is the place to start! This service is open to any adults who work with youth in a garden setting in the Seed St. Louis service area.

Field Trips to Bell Community Garden

seedstl.org/invite-an-educator-to-your-school/

Schools, summer camps, or youth groups may visit Bell Community Garden to learn more about Seed St. Louis and our history, how urban gardens help address food insecurity and inequity in our region, and how anyone can get involved! Field trips are open to youth of all ages from the Seed St. Louis service area.

Garden 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.

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

seedstl.square.site/

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.

Volunteers

stlvolunteer.org

STLVolunteer.org, a free platform powered by the United Way of Greater St. Louis Volunteer Center, allows organizations to promote and recruit volunteers. Volunteer opportunities can range from one-time to long-term, family-friendly to board service, and from an individual to a group of 50+ people. There are eligibility criteria that must be met in order to participate. Most gardens should fit under this criteria: "Organizations comprised entirely of volunteers, that exist for charitable purposes or for mutual support who have not filed for tax exemption because they do not generate revenue, may be considered as Partners on a case-by-case basis." Create an agency account to start posting your volunteer needs at this link **https://www.stlvolunteer.org/organization-sign-up**

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 Bell Community 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: *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/

Online 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*

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