



**Gateway Greening**  
*The Power of Growing Food*

## Services for In-Network Youth Community Gardens

### Compost & Mulch

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Compost and wood chip mulch is available to pick-up for free 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
- **Lee & Euclid** (Ward 1) - In an alley off Euclid
- **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 park off Holly Hills and west of the YMCA
- **Hickory Park** (Ward 2) - Conduit Drive

A map of the pick-up locations is located on our website: [www.gatewaygreening.org/compost-and-mulch/](http://www.gatewaygreening.org/compost-and-mulch/)

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

### Garden Expansion

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Gardens seeking basic garden supplies such as raised beds, soil, compost, garden tools, wheelbarrows, compost bins, and tool sheds are eligible to apply for Gateway Greening's biannual expansion grant, available in spring and fall.

The spring grant application window is generally mid-January to mid-February. The fall grant application window is generally mid-July to mid-August. The exact open application dates will be announced in our email newsletter and social media.

This application is restricted to a suite of basic garden supplies, and availability will vary according to demand and budget restrictions. For more information use the contact info below:

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## Orchard Expansion

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Orchards seeking more food producing trees, shrubs, canes, or vines can request an orchard expansion through Gateway Greening. Requests for a spring expansion will happen in late fall/winter and requests for a fall expansion will happen in late spring/summer. Exact dates will be announced in our email newsletter and social media. For more information use the contact information below:

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## Vegetable Seedlings

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Youth Gardens belonging to the Gateway Greening network are eligible to request up to five units of seedlings per season at no cost to the school/educator. Additional seedlings can be purchased at reduced-cost through a pre-ordering process only.

Orders are typically due in December for spring seedlings, February for summer plants, and April/May for fall plants. The exact dates will be announced in our email newsletter. For more information use the contact information below:

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## Educator Workshops

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Monthly educator workshops are tailored to the needs of garden leaders and teachers that work with youth.

Classes meet the second Saturday of the month from March - October and the second Tuesday of the month November - February. Class topics range from recruiting volunteers, mindfulness in the garden, to exploring project-based learning options. Specific topics are announced in the educator email newsletter as they are scheduled.

To sign up for the educator email newsletter or to request more information, use the contact information below:

**Phone:** (314) 588-9600 ext. 106    **Email:** [education@gatewaygreening.org](mailto:education@gatewaygreening.org)

## Gardening Workshops

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Gateway Greening offers workshops on a variety of garden related topics on Saturdays throughout the growing season (March - October). These workshops typically take place at the Gateway Greening Carriage House (3815 Bell Ave., St. Louis, MO 63108) or next door in the Demonstration Garden (3841 Bell Ave., St. Louis, MO 63108).

Workshop topics range from basic vegetable growing, mushroom growing, fruit tree maintenance, to working with youth in the garden, and are typically free. Some classes may require a small fee to cover material and speaker costs. If a fee is required, it will be clearly stated in the event description. Upcoming events are announced in our email newsletter, on our social media, and are available on

our website at [www.gatewaygreening.org/events/](http://www.gatewaygreening.org/events/). For more information use the contact information below:



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## **Seed to STEM Lesson Plans**

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The Seed to STEM curriculum is designed to turn the garden into a living laboratory space. Seed to STEM emphasizes life science topics to connect elementary students to their natural environment, growing food, and the school community by working together in the garden. The curriculum is aligned with NGSS and SLPS scope and sequence.

Sample lessons are available on the Gateway Greening website (<http://www.gatewaygreening.org/seed-to-stem/>). Additional lesson plans are shared through the educator email newsletter sent out monthly.

To sign up for the educator email newsletter or to request more information, use the contact information below:

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## **Seed Packets**

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Youth Gardens are encouraged to select up to ten free seed packets per season. Additional seed packets of a variety of vegetables, herbs, and flowers are available for \$0.25. Gateway Greening's seed collection is located at the Carriage House, 3815 Bell Ave., St. Louis, MO 63108, and is open on Saturdays from 9 AM - Noon during the growing season (March - October).

Gateway Greening also offers various cover crops in packets for \$0.50 at the Carriage House. A single packet of cover crop will provide enough seed to cover a 4 ft x 12 ft raised garden bed.

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## **Sweet Potato Challenge**

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The first ten youth gardens that sign up for the Sweet Potato Challenge in May will receive 18 free sweet potato slips. Participating school gardeners need to document their sweet potato growth and weigh their harvest. Eligible youth gardens can win: largest harvest, biggest potato, and more. Contest details will be announced in a spring educator email newsletter.

Additional sweet potato slips will be available for purchase at the Carriage House in the late spring/early summer. Information about sweet potato slip sales will be announced in the regular email newsletter and Gateway Greening's social media. For more information use the contact information below:

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## First Peas to the Table Contest

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Be inspired by St. Louis author Susan Grigsby's award-winning book *First Peas to the Table* and compete to see which school will get their peas to the table first.

Participating schools receive free pea seeds and a copy of *First Peas to the Table*. Document and weigh your harvest to be eligible to win: first peas harvested, tallest pea plant, and more. Contest details will be announced in a winter educator email newsletter.

To sign up for the educator email newsletter or to request more information, use the contact information below:

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## Tool Loans

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A variety of gardening and orchard tools are available for rent at our Carriage House location.

**Non-Motorized Tools** (shovels, rakes, etc.): Total deposit of \$20 is required to rent one or more non-motorized tools. The deposit will be returned to the renter if all of the tools that were rented are returned, in good shape, within two weeks of the date the tools were initially borrowed.

**Motorized Tools** (lawn mowers, tillers, etc.): A deposit of \$40 is required for EACH motorized tool rented. If non-motorized tools are also being checked out in addition to a motorized tool, the renter will still be required to provide a \$20 deposit for non-motorized tools in addition to the \$40 for each motorized tool borrowed.

The Carriage House is located at 3815 Bell Ave., St. Louis, MO 63108 and is open to the public on Saturdays from 9 AM - Noon, March - October. For more information, please use the contact information below:

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## Soil Testing

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Gateway Greening is a soil-testing drop off site for the University of Missouri Extension. For more information use the contact information below:

**Phone:** (314) 588-9600    **Email:** [info@gatewaygreening.org](mailto:info@gatewaygreening.org)

## On-site Youth Garden Workshops

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Gateway Greening offers free garden workshops to in-network gardens with a minimum of ten committed participants by appointment only. For more information use the contact information below:

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## Youth Field Trips & Tours

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Gateway Greening offers occasional scheduled tours and field trips at the Gateway Greening Demonstration Garden. Topics range from composting, sensory exploration, to educator choice. For more information use the contact information below:

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## Educator Happy Hours

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Come meet other educators, volunteers, and Gateway Greening staff who are using youth gardens as a teacher tool. Share ideas and challenges in a relaxed setting with free drinks and snacks. Specific dates and times will be announced in the educator email newsletter.

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## Volunteer Groups

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For gardens that would like to receive volunteer groups through Gateway Greening, the garden leaders will first need to attend a Youth Garden Leader Training (scheduled at the educator or garden leader's request).

This workshop will focus on sharing best practices, reviewing Gateway Greening Policies on safety & liability, frequently asked questions, documentation, and circulating your success stories - empowering us all to build our volunteer network further and the capacity of our neighborhood projects.

To request more information or schedule a Youth Garden Leader Training session, use the contact information below:

**Phone:** (314) 588-9600 ext. 110    **Email:** [volunteer@gatewaygreening.org](mailto:volunteer@gatewaygreening.org)

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[www.gatewaygreening.org/gardens/services/](http://www.gatewaygreening.org/gardens/services/)**