



The Food Project

# BUILD-A-GARDEN: GROW YOUR OWN VEGETABLES AT HOME

We want to build you a raised bed garden! Read below and sign up today.

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## What's in it for you:

The Food Project's Build-a-Garden program supports Boston residents and organizations to grow their own food in raised bed and container gardens.

The program will provide you with:

- A raised bed garden or container garden kit, including soil and compost
- Seeds and transplants
- A Growing Guide
- Workshops
- Additional support by phone, email, blog, and newsletters



## Who is eligible?

All Boston residents are encouraged to apply. Priority is given to those who live in Roxbury, Dorchester, and Mattapan, and to those with financial need. No prior gardening experience required. While applicants generally need to have their own space for a garden, The Food Project will try to match you with alternative accommodations in your neighborhood if necessary.

## What is the cost?

In order to make the program accessible to all, The Food Project requires a minimum contribution of \$10 for individuals and families and \$25 per bed for organizations. However, we have limited funding so participants who are able to pay more are expected to contribute as much as possible toward the full cost of materials and labor, which is \$250 for one raised bed.



## Sign-up now!

Complete the application on the back of this page, and return it to The Food Project. We accept applications throughout the year.

To inquire about multiple beds for your organization or housing development, please call or visit:

[www.thefoodproject.org/bag](http://www.thefoodproject.org/bag)



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# Build-a-Garden Program Gardener Application

No participant will be discriminated against because of race, sex, national origin, disability, or age.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers: Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening: \_\_\_\_\_

Email (Please print clearly): \_\_\_\_\_

**Home (check all that apply):**

- Individual       Single Parent       Two Parent       Senior Citizen       Unemployed
- WIC participant       SNAP/EBT/Food Stamp participant       Disability

Total # of people in household: \_\_\_\_\_ Total # of children (under 18) in household: \_\_\_\_\_

**About your residence:**

How long: \_\_\_\_\_ have you lived here? \_\_\_\_\_ do you plan to stay here? \_\_\_\_\_

- Do you (check all that apply):
- rent       own your home
  - live in public housing       live in a building without yard

Is there a ready source of water? \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about The Food Project Build-a-Garden Program? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever had a garden before?  yes  no Do you currently have one?  yes  no

Would you like to be connected to other gardeners/participants in your neighborhood?

- No       Yes, by phone       Yes, by email       Yes, by phone and email

What is the main reason or reasons (choose up to 2) you requested a gardening plot?

- Spend more time outside       Cook more meals at home       Reduce food costs
- Improve your diet       Eat less fast food       Educate children
- Exercise       Grow food from your culture       Grow plants
- Relaxation       Build relationships with your neighbors       Other: \_\_\_\_\_

A payment of \$10 is required, and we ask that participants, who are able to contribute more, pay as much as possible toward the full cost of \$250. Please circle the range that best reflects what you can pay.

\$10-25      \$25-50      \$50-100      \$100-150      \$150-200      \$200-250      more than \$250\*

\*Contributions over \$250 will help defray the cost of another participant's garden, and qualify as a tax-deductible donation.

Please return your completed application to:

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email: [buildagarden@thefoodproject.org](mailto:buildagarden@thefoodproject.org) phone: (617) 442-1322 x12 fax: (617) 442-7918

Once this application is received, The Food Project will contact you about the possibility of scheduling a site visit. Payment is due at the site visit. You can also enclose a check with your application, payable to The Food Project. It will not be cashed until you are accepted into the program.