Build-a-Garden: GROW VEGETABLES IN YOUR OWN YARD

We want to build you a raised-bed garden! Read below and apply today.

The Food Project 555 Dudley Street · Dorchester, MA · 02125 · (617) 442-1322 x55

What's in it for you:
The Food Project’s Build-a-Garden initiative supports Boston residents and organizations who want to grow their own food. We provide you with:
- A raised-bed garden filled with healthy, safe soil
- 12 free seedlings in May of your first year
- Free gardening workshops and Growing Guide
- Ongoing support through drop-in open hours at the Dudley Greenhouse

Eligibility:
Residents of Roxbury, Dorchester, and Mattapan are welcome to apply. Priority is given to those with financial need and to families with children. No prior gardening experience is required; enthusiasm and a willingness to learn are all you need!

Cost:
To make the program accessible to all, The Food Project has a pay-what-you-can policy, with a minimum contribution of $25 from individuals or families. Because we have limited funding, we ask that you contribute as much as possible toward the full cost of materials and labor, which is $250 per bed. We ask that organizations pay the full cost of each bed.

Apply now!
We accept applications year-round and schedule builds on a rolling basis. Contact us with any questions or concerns at: buildagarden@thefoodproject.org or 617-442-1322 x55.
Build-a-Garden Program
Gardener Application

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

The Food Project

Name: ___________________________ Date: __________
Address: ___________________________ City: ___________ Zip: ___________
Preferred Phone Number: ___________________________
Email (Please print clearly): ___________________________

Household Information:
Providing this information helps us understand who Build-A-Garden reaches, and it will be kept confidential.
Total # of adults (18+) in household: ________ Total # of children (under 18) in household: ________

Please check all that apply:
☑ Single Parent ☐ Two Parent ☐ Senior Citizen ☐ Unemployed
☐ WIC participant ☐ SNAP/EBT participant ☐ Disability

What is the primary language(s) spoken at home? ___________________________

Build-a-Garden provides gardens to low and moderate-income households. Please select the income range that best reflects your household’s average yearly income.

Under $20,000 $20-40,000 $40-60,000 $60-80,000 $80,000 and over

How long have you lived at this address? ________ How long 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? ☐ yes ☐ no

Your gardening experience: ☐ Brand new ☐ Some experience ☐ Master gardener

Do you currently have a garden? ☐ 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 & email ☐ Yes, through events at The Food Project

How did you hear about Build-a-Garden (please be specific)? ___________________________

Please tell us why you would like to have a garden built for you by The Food Project.

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Once this application is received, The Food Project will contact you about the possibility of scheduling a site visit to determine whether we can install a garden. Once we have confirmed that you have a suitable site, we will schedule the installation. Payment is due at the time of installation.

Please return your completed application to:

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email: buildagarden@thefoodproject.org phone: (617) 442-1322 x55 fax: (617) 221-7530

As a reminder, all approved applicants are required to participate in an introductory Garden Planning & Planting workshop, to help you get the most of our your raised bed. Once your garden installation is scheduled, we will notify you of the available dates for the coming year.