

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.

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:

The Food Project • 555 Dudley Street • Dorchester, MA 02125

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.