Gardening Resources

Local Gardening Stores

Barton Springs Nursery
3601 Bee Caves Road
Austin, TX 78746
Ph: (512) 328-6655

Breed & Co.
718 W. 29th St.
Austin, TX 78705
Ph: (512) 474-6679
Sells hardware and garden materials.

Buck Moore Feed & Supply
5237 N. Lamar Blvd
Austin, TX 78751
Ph: (512) 451-3469
Offers organic chicken feed, bulk seed, seedlings, and organic soil amendments.

Callahan’s General Store
501 Bastrop Hwy
Austin, Texas 78741
Ph: (512) 385-3452
www.callahansgeneralstore.com
Local farm and ranch supply store. Feed, tools, clothing, books, cookware, chickens, peat moss and more.

Gabriel Valley Farms
440 Old Hwy. 29 East
Georgetown, TX 78626
Ph: (512)
www.gabrielvalleyfarms.com
Wholesale nursery specializing in Certified Organic herbs and vegetables.

The Great Outdoors Nursery
2730 South Congress Avenue
Austin, TX 78704
Ph: (512) 448-2992
www.gonursery.com

Jardinero’s Nursery
2320 East Cesar Chavez
Austin, TX 78702
Ph: (512) 774-7443

Natural Gardener
8648 Old Bee Caves Road
Austin, TX 78735
Ph: (512) 288-6113
www.naturalgardeneraustin.com
Anything and everything you ever needed for an organic garden.

Pots and Plants
5902 Bee Caves Road
Austin, TX 78746
Oh: (512) 327-4564
Specializes in native and adapted plants.

Shoal Creek Nursery
2710 Hancock
Austin, TX 78731
Ph: (512) 458-5909
www.shoalcreeknursery.com
Wide variety of seasonal vegetables, herbs, fruit trees, seeds and gardening supplies.

Organics “By Gosh”
13602 FM 969
Austin, TX 78724
Ph: (512) 276-1211
www.organicsbygosh.com/
Sells compost, soil and mulch.

Texas Metal Tanks
16299 Fitzhugh Road
Dripping Springs 78620
Ph: 512-565-0875
http://www.texasmetaltanks.com/
Rainwater tank installation.

It’s About Thyme
11726 Manchaca Road
Austin, TX 78748
Ph: (512) 280-192
www.itsaboutthyme.com
Sells herbs, trees, xeriscape plants, roses, vegetables, and organic products.
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Bulk Soil and Mulch Providers

Geo Growers (Southwest)
12002 Hwy 290
(512) 892-2722
http://www.geogrowers.net/

Daniel’s Stone and Landscaping Supplies (Southwest)
12015 W Hwy 290
(512) 288-8488
http://danielstoneandlandscaping.com/

Gardenville (Southwest)
4001 Ranch Rd 620 S
(512)263-5265
https://www.garden-ville.com/

Gardenville (Southeast)
3606 FM1327
(512) 329-4900

Kinser Ranch (Southwest)
10701 Kinser Lane
(512) 477-9025
http://firewoodandmulchaustintx.com/

Rock n Dirt Yard (South)
8401 S 1st St.
(512) 461-7607
http://www.rockndirtyard.com/

Whittlesey Landscape Supplies (North)
3219 S I-35
(512) 989-7625
http://www.989rock.com/
Also sells coconut coir.

Whittlesey Landscape Supplies (East)
629 Dalton Ln
(512) 385-0732

Organics by Gosh (East)
13602 FM 969
(512) 276-1211
www.organicsbygosh.com/


**Gardening Resources**

**Free and Low-Cost Materials**

**Tools**

*Keep Austin Beautiful Tool Shack*
KAP’s Tool Shack provides tools for community-driven beautification, improvement and maintenance projects. Supplies are available on a first come first serve basis, so reserve your tools at least two weeks in advance.

**Phone:** (512) 391-0617 x 905  
http://www.keepaustinbeautiful.org/toolshack

*Austin Parks Foundation*
Austin Parks Foundation has a tool warehouse with hundreds of hand tools that may be borrowed for park improvement projects. The *It's My Park Tool Trailer* is also available for use year-round by volunteer groups.

**Phone:** (512) 477-1566  
**Email:** tools@austinparks.org  
http://www.austinparks.org/tools.html

**Mulch**

*P&R Tree Service*
Phone: (512) 845-1682; (512) 775-2248  
Woodchip availability depends on the arborist’s tree pruning and removal jobs. In order to deliver, arborists need enough space to maneuver a large truck.

*Texas Tree*
Phone: (512) 848-0731  
**Email:** uj.tree@gmail.com  
See note above.

*Austin Resource Recovery Center*
Mulch is available free of charge for self-loading and takeaway.  
**Address:** 3810 Todd Lane, Austin TX 78744  
**Hours:** Monday – Friday, 8am-4pm  
**Phone:** (512) 974-4373  
http://austintexas.gov/department/resource-recovery-center

**Organic Fertilizers**

*Austin Resource Recovery Hazardous Household Waste Facility*
**Address:** 2514 Business Center Drive, Austin TX 78744  
**Hours:** Monday – Friday, 9am-5pm; Saturday: 7am-noon  
**Phone:** (512) 974-4308  
http://www.austintexas.gov/hhw

*Spread the Harvest*
Sustainable Food Center’s Spread the Harvest program offers access to free organic fertilizer. The program is open to low-income and school gardeners. After joining, participants can pick up fertilizer at SFC’s office.  
**Address:** 2291 E. 17th Street, Building C, Austin TX 78702  
**Phone:** (512) 220-1083
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**Soil Amendments**

**Ground to Ground**

*Ground to Ground* is a city-wide campaign that diverts nutrient-rich coffee grounds from landfills and puts them back to work in Central Texans’ yards, farms, and gardens. Any resident can pick up free buckets of post-brew grounds. The only commitment required is to rinse and return the bucket to the business.

**Phone:** (512) 854-9600  
**Email:** drichards@ag.tamu.edu  
[http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/travis/ground-to-ground/](http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/travis/ground-to-ground/)

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**Seeds**

**Spread the Harvest**

Sustainable Food Center’s Spread the Harvest program offers members access to free seeds. The program is open to low-income and school gardeners. After joining, participants can pick up seeds at SFC’s office anytime Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm.

**Address:** 2291 E. 17th Street, Building C, Austin TX 78702  
**Phone:** (512) 220-1083

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**Building Supplies**

**Habitat for Humanity Re-Store**

**Address:** 310 Comal Street, Austin TX 78702  
**Hours:** Monday-Saturday, 9am-6pm  
[http://www.re-store.com/](http://www.re-store.com/)

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**Austin Craigslist**

[http://austin.craigslist.org](http://austin.craigslist.org)

**Austin Freecycle**

[https://groups.freecycle.org/AustinMN/description](https://groups.freecycle.org/AustinMN/description)

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**Fruit & Native Shade Trees**

**TreeFolks**

TreeFolks grows Central Texas urban forests through tree planting, education, and community partnerships. It gives away thousands of saplings at multiple events between October and February.

**Phone:** (512) 443-5323  
**Email:** admin@treefolks.org  

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**Keep Austin Beautiful**

**Phone:** (512) 391-0617  


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Gardening Assistance and Education

**Volunteers**

**American Youthworks**
American Youthworks offers educational opportunities for young people to earn a GED, college credits and scholarships, and enroll in high school through a partner charter school. Also, each participant at American YouthWorks is learning to give back through volunteer service by restoring green spaces; building and repairing homes for low-income families; and rebuilding communities through disaster relief projects.
Phone: (512) 744-1900
http://www.americanyouthworks.org/

**Austin Permaculture Guild**
The Austin Permaculture Guild organizes monthly workday events at various gardens and farms throughout Austin.
http://www.austinperm.com/

**Green Corn Project**
The Green Corn Project is a grassroots, volunteer-run organization dedicated to helping Central Texans in need grow their own organic vegetables by installing organic food gardens for elderly, low-income, and disabled community members as well as for elementary schools, community centers, and shelters in underserved areas of Austin.
http://www.greencornproject.org/

**Travis County Master Gardeners**
The Travis County Master Gardener Program is the volunteer service arm of Travis County Agrilife Extension Service, assisting in Extension’s mission to disseminate research-based horticultural and environmental knowledge among the citizens of Central Texas.
http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/travis/master-gardeners/

**Education**

**Austin Organic Gardeners**
http://www.main.org/aog/
Information on organic gardening techniques. Hold monthly meetings with guest speakers.

**Austin Permaculture Guild**
The Austin Permaculture Guild hosts multiple Permaculture Design Courses per year including a “10 Saturdays” format class that is ideal for students with a busy schedule as well as a two week intensive class for full immersion into the permaculture lifestyle.
http://www.austinperm.com/courses/

**Central Texas Horticulture**
Run by Travis County’s Texas A&M Agrilife Extension, Central Texas Horticulture offers a number of gardening classes and workshops.
http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/travis/local-extension-resources/calendar-2/
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City of Austin Grow Green
http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/growgreen/
Grow Green is a comprehensive landscaping program that provides Austin area homeowners with earth-wise solutions to their yard care problems.

Dirt Doctor Howard Garrett
http://www.dirtdoctor.com/
Information on organic gardening in Texas, including pictures, an interactive forum, books for sale, and links to organic gardening sources near you.

National Gardening Association
http://www.garden.org/home
Regional and national gardening information for home gardens, community gardens, and school gardens.

National Sustainable Agriculture Information Service (ATTRA)
https://attra.ncat.org/
Manages by the National Center for appropriate technology, ATTRA provides information and assistance to individuals involved in sustainable agriculture.

Natural Gardener
The Natural Gardener is an organic nursery that holds free gardening classes most Saturday mornings throughout the year.
Phone: (512) 288-6113
http://www.naturalgardeneraustin.com/

Sustainable Food Center
SFC’s Grow Local program offers a number of food gardening classes throughout the year.
Phone: (512) 220-1083
Email: Katie@sustainablefoodcenter.org

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Services
The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Services in Travis County provide a high level of expertise in horticulture and other service areas.
http://travis-tx.tamu.edu/horticulture/

Texas A&M University Plant Answers
http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/plantanswers/index.html
Plant Answers is a searchable database of information on plants. Find information on growing everything from vegetables to roses.

Texas Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association
http://www.tofga.org/
Information on basic organic gardening, lawn care, insects, and home remedies, along with local food and farming in Texas.
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Texas Parks and Wildlife - Texas Plant Information Database
http://tpid.tpwd.state.tx.us/
Extensive information about native and a few selected naturalized plants that have value for landscape restoration, especially erosion control and wildlife use.

Telephone Assistance
Master Gardener Horticulture Hotline
Travis County Master Gardener volunteers provide free, year-long gardening advice to homeowners. They will help you sort through all of your plant questions and issues; provide up-to-date, research-based advice from Extension; and offer you free, relevant publications.
Hours: Weekdays, 9am-5pm
Phone: (512) 854-9600
http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/travis/get-help/

Books


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Newsletters/Magazines

**Growing For Market**  
Growing for Market is a monthly magazine about small-scale farming, sustainable agriculture and farm direct marketing.

**Judy Barrett’s Homegrown**  
[http://www.homegrowntexas.com/](http://www.homegrowntexas.com/)  
Homegrown is published bimonthly in Taylor, Texas. It provides information about how to garden successfully and enjoyably in Texas while having a positive impact on the environment.

**Organic Gardening**  
Published by Rodale, this monthly publication provides information on organic vegetable, herb, orchard, and flower production.
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Other Gardening and Garden-Related Organizations

Coalition of Austin Community Gardens (CACG)
http://communitygardensaustin.org/
The Coalition of Austin Community Gardens’ webpage includes a map of community gardens as well as basic information about most community gardens in the Austin area.

Compost Coalition
www.compostcoalition.com
The Compost Coalition works to keep organic materials out of landfills and return the nutrients back to our soils by connecting those producing "waste" with those that can use it.

East Side Compost Pedallers
https://www.compostpedallers.com/
The East Side Compost Pedallers is a 100% bike-powered compost recycling program that collects compostables from east side homes and businesses and pedals them to nearby farms and community gardens.

Ground to Ground
http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/travis/ground-to-ground/
Ground to Ground is a city-wide campaign that diverts nutrient-rich coffee grounds from landfills and puts them back to work in yards, farms, and gardens. Anyone can pick up free buckets of post-brew grounds.

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center
http://www.wildflower.org
The LBJ Wildflower Center is a botanical garden dedicated to the sustainable use and conservation of native wildflowers, plants, and landscapes.

One World Permaculture
http://www.oneworldpermaculture.com/
One World Permaculture provides individuals and organizations with permaculture education, consultation, design, installation, and maintenance services.

Urban Patchwork
www.urbanpatchwork.org
Urban Patchwork is a neighborhood farm network that works with neighbors to turn unused yard space into farmland.

Urban Roots
http://www.urbanrootsatx.org/
Urban Roots is a youth development organization that uses sustainable agriculture to transform the lives of young people and increase access to healthy food in Austin.

Yard to Market Coop
http://www.yardtomarket.coop/
Yard to Market Coop manages farm stands at local Farmers’ Markets where backyard gardeners can sell produce.
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Youth Gardening Resources

TEXAS SPECIFIC

Central Texas School Garden Network (CTSGN)
https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/centraltxschoolgardennetwork
This online listserv and page is for anyone affiliated with school gardens in Central Texas – parents, teachers, organizations, or community members. This page is used to share information and resources related to school gardening. Request to join the group on the webpage.

Children in Nature Collaborative of Austin
www.westcave.org/cinca
A network of stakeholders from organizations related to connecting kids to nature. The network meets quarterly and shares and seeks resources collaboratively.

Broccoli to Butterflies
A school gardening program of the Travis County Master Gardener Association that coincides with the academic year, beginning in September and ending in May.

EcoRise Youth Innovations
www.ecorise.org
An Austin-based organization with school-based programs that includes curricula in the areas of environmental literacy, social innovation, and design. Also provides grants for student projects.

Junior Master Gardener
http://JMGKids.us
Correlated to Texas TEKS, JMG's curricula serves children in elementary and middle school grades.

Sustainable Food Center
http://sustainablefoodcenter.org/get-involved/merchandise
SFC’s School Garden Start-up Guide offers in-depth information on getting organized, designing the garden, building and caring for the garden, managing the garden, and sustaining the garden.
SFC’s School Garden Activity Guide offers 22 hands-on activities for gardening, food systems, and cooking primarily for upper elementary and middle school, with extensions for older grades.

Texas A&M University
http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/kindergarden/nutrition/months/march.html
An outline of a year’s worth of weekly gardening lesson plans.

NATIONAL

American Horticultural Society
www.ahs.org/youth_gardening/index.htm
The American Horticultural Society offers financial resources, a national list of youth gardening organizations and curriculum, and a national registry of youth gardens.
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The Biomimicry Institute
http://ben.biomimicry.net/courricula-and-resources/youth-curricula/resource-toolkit-for-k-12-educators/
Offers a free digital flipbook, *Biomimicry in Youth Education*, filled with more than 80 nature-inspired lesson plans, activities, and videos geared to K-12 educators on biomimicry.

Bon Appetit Management Company
www.circleofresponsibility.com/student-garden-guide
Offers a thirty page guide, **Student Gardens and Food Service**, to help student gardeners establish a relationship between student gardens and their campus food service team. The guide is geared at college students but may be adapted for high school students.

The Center for Ecoliteracy
http://www.ecoliteracy.org/downloads/getting-started
Offers *Getting Started*, an extensive guide for creating school gardens as outdoor classrooms.

The Edible Schoolyard
www.edibleschoolyard.org
This program website provides resources such as lessons for cooking, gardening, and food systems.

Junior Master Gardeners
http://jmgkids.us/
An international youth gardening program of the University Cooperative Extension network, JMG provides tools to teach the world of gardening to youth in grades 3 – 8.

Life Lab
http://www.lifelab.org/category/lessons/
Provides web-based school garden resources, curricula, activity guides.

National Gardening Association-Kids Gardening Page
www.kidsgardening.org
Kids Gardening is a resource for teachers, parents and the community with information on grants for youth gardens, curriculum, activities, and tips for parents.

School Garden Wizard
www.schoolgardenwizard.org
Offers resources and a step-by-step template for teachers interested in starting a school garden.

The Sustainable Ag Research and Education program (SARE)
Provides a 14 page listing of more resources relevant to K-12 level sustainable agriculture lessons.

The Teacher’s Guide
http://www.theteachersguide.com/plantsflowers.htm
Offers lesson plans focusing mainly on botany.