

# *Gardening Resources*

## **Local Gardening Stores**

### **Barton Springs Nursery**

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

### **Breed & Co.**

718 W. 29<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.gonursery.com)

### **It's About Thyme**

11726 Manchaca Road  
Austin, TX 78748  
Ph: (512) 280-1192  
[www.itsaboutthyme.com](http://www.itsaboutthyme.com)  
Sells herbs, trees, xeriscape plants, roses, vegetables, and organic products.

### **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](http://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](http://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/](http://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.

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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/](http://www.organicsbygosh.com/)

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## **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.keeptaustinbeautiful.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](mailto: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](mailto: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. 17<sup>th</sup> 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/>

## **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.

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**Phone:** (512) 220-1083

## **Building Supplies**

### **Habitat for Humanity Re-Store**

**Address:** 310 Comal Street, Austin TX 78702

**Hours:** Monday-Saturday, 9am-6pm

<http://www.re-store.com/>

### **Austin Craigslist**

<http://austin.craigslist.org>

### **Austin Freecycle**

<https://groups.freecycle.org/AustinMN/description>

## **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

<http://www.treefolks.org/>

### **Keep Austin Beautiful**

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

<http://www.KeepAustinBeautiful.org/>

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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/>

Managed 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](mailto: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**

<http://www.growingformarket.com/>

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/>

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**

<http://www.organicgardening.com/>

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](http://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](http://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](http://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**

<http://horttest.tamu.edu/travis/files/2012/12/Broccoli-to-Butterflies.pdf>

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](http://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](http://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/curricula-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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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)**

[http://www.sare.org/publications/edguide/Youth%20Ed\\_Jun\\_07.pdf](http://www.sare.org/publications/edguide/Youth%20Ed_Jun_07.pdf)

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.