Bay Area Urban Farming Resource Guide
A list to get you started on your urban farming endeavors!
University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources

EDUCATIONAL & RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS

University of California Cooperative Extension
http://cealameda.ucdavis.edu/
(510) 670-5650
UC Agriculture and Natural Resources delivers healthy food systems, healthy environments, healthy communities and healthy Californians. UC ANR hosts the California Master Gardener Program: http://mg.ucanr.edu/ which has been extending UC research based information about home horticulture and pest management to the public.

UC ANR Urban Ag
http://ucanr.edu/urbanag
Are you interested in starting an urban farm? Seeking details on how to raise backyard chickens and bees? Looking for information on laws, zoning and regulations that relate to urban agriculture? We offer resources on small-scale production, including soil, planting, irrigation, pest management, and harvesting, as well as information on the business of farming, such as how to market urban farm products.

Berkeley Food Institute
https://food.berkeley.edu/
The Berkeley Food Institute seeks to transform food systems to expand access to healthy, affordable food and promote sustainable and equitable food production. We empower new leaders with capacities to cultivate diverse, just, resilient, and healthy food systems.

Growing Roots
https://growingroots.berkeley.edu/
growingroots@berkeley.edu
The long-term goal of the government-supported Growing Roots project is to support the economic and ecological viability of California beginning farmers and ranchers from diverse communities – whether urban, rural or peri-urban, or Latino, Southeast Asian, African or Caucasian. Offers in-depth, culturally- and regionally-appropriate workshops, develop and distribute educational materials and videos, host field days and farm tours.

Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education Program (SAREP)
http://asi.ucdavis.edu/programs/sarep
(530) 752-3915
asi@ucdavis.edu
SAREP is a statewide program within UC Agriculture and Natural Resources and is a unit of the Agricultural Sustainability Institute at UC Davis. SAREP provides leadership and support for scientific research and education in agricultural and food systems that are economically viable, conserve natural resources and biodiversity, and enhance the quality of life in the state's communities. SAREP serves farmers, farmworkers, ranchers, researchers, educators, regulators, policy makers, industry professionals, consumers, and community organizations across the state.

GOVERNMENT GROUPS & AGENCIES

Alameda County Resource Conservation District
www.acrcd.org
(925) 371-0154
ACRCD and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) collaborate as the Conservation Partnership to serve as the lead conservation agency in Alameda County to provide technical and educational services for natural resource conservation and agriculture enhancement.

East Bay Municipal Utility District
http://www.ebmud.com/
1-866-403-2683
custsvc@ebmud.com
EBMUD provides high-quality drinking water for 1.4 million customers in Alameda and Contra Costa counties. Their WaterSmart gardener is your go-to resource center for outdoor water conservation, with incentives, tips, services, events, and more. EBMUD offers monetary rewards to community organizations who create publicly accessible community gardens or urban farm projects that demonstrate water conserving principles. These gardens are a great tool to help the public learn about ways to save water in the urban landscape.

Oakland Unified School District
School Gardens Program
Grey Kolevzon, Garden Education Coordinator
(510) 776-5556
Grey.kolevzon@ousd.org
http://www.ousd.org/domain/100
OUSD Garden Education’s goal is to establish and maintain a garden in every school. School gardens provide urban children access to nature and reflect each child’s inherent right to access healthy, locally-produced food; understanding of food systems and the natural cycle; social, economic and health justice; hands-on alternatives to testing-based instruction; self-reliance and character-building opportunities; and connection to the local community.

Project Eat
http://projecteat.acoe.org/
(510) 670-4544
Project Eat aims to end health inequities and close the achievement gap in school communities.

Republic Services
www.republicservices.com
1 (877) 692-9729
Republic Services, Inc is the second largest provider of non-hazardous solid waste services in the United States.
waste collection, transfer, disposal, recycling, and energy services in the United States.

San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
www.sfwater.org
(510) 554-0761 Commission Secretary
(510) 554-3289 General Inquiries
Contact: Amy Dawson
adawson@sfwater.org
Refer to: Nancy Ceridwyn, Youth Education Program
The SFPUC is responsible for the storage, quality control and distribution of the area’s drinking water, and is a longtime supporter of urban agriculture projects including The Garden Project, The Garden for the Environment, and the Sunol Ag Park.

StopWaste
www.stopwaste.org
(510) 891-6500
StopWaste is a public agency responsible for reducing the waste stream in Alameda County by helping local governments, businesses, schools, and residents reduce waste through source reduction and recycling, market development, technical assistance, and public education.

Waste Management
www.wm.com
1 (866) 909-4458
Waste Management partners with customers and communities to provide waste disposal and recycling solutions that create clean, renewable energy.

United States Department of Agriculture – Urban Agriculture
https://www.nal.usda.gov/afsic/urban-agriculture
Explore information and tools on urban agriculture, including the Urban Agriculture Toolkit.

Your Local Parks
Check with your local city Parks and/or Public Works Departments for community gardening resources and programs.

For questions on Public Health and Nutrition:
Alameda County Public Health Department
1000 Broadway, Suite 500
Oakland, CA 94607
(510) 267-8000 Phone
http://www.acgov.org/aceh/

For questions on Food Safety:
Alameda County Environmental Health Department
1131 Harbor Bay Parkway
Alameda, CA 94502-6577
(510) 567-6700
https://www.acgov.org/aceh/

For permitting of Approved Source Farms, Farmer’s Markets Certification and Pesticide Regulation and Enforcement:
Alameda County Department of Agriculture
224 W. Winton Ave. Room 184
Hayward, CA 94544
(510) 670-5232 Phone
http://www.acgov.org/cda/awm/

The Alameda County Department of Agriculture / Weights and Measures promotes the Alameda County agricultural industry, protects the environment and the general public, and provides buyers and sellers a fair marketplace. We are the local enforcement authority for the California Department of Food and Agriculture and the California Department of Pesticide Regulation.

POLICY & ADVOCACY GROUPS

Berkeley Food Policy Council
http://ecologycenter.org/berkeley-food-policy-council/
The BFPC is a coalition of local organizers, activists, visionaries, and entrepreneurs who work towards promoting regional agriculture and community access to healthy food. The BFPC was established in 1999 and meets on a quarterly basis.

ChangeLab Solutions
http://www.changelabsolutions.org
(510) 302-3380
ChangeLab Solutions’ Healthy Planning program is pioneering a new approach to public health advocacy. Explore our model policies, how-to guides, fact sheets, and other policy tools as well as resources, technical assistance, and trainings. We provide the tools to promote urban agriculture through land use policies, address liability concerns, negotiate with property owners, and encourage community participation.

Eden Area Food Alliance
http://www.acfpc.org
(510) 909-4077
The resident-driven ACFPC advises local government on policy in order to establish an equitable and secure food system for the Eden Area community.

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Food First
https://foodfirst.org/
info@foodfirst.org
(510) 654-4400
Food First’s mission is to end the injustices that cause hunger. We support activists, social movements, alliances, and coalitions working for systemic change. Our work—including action-oriented research, publications, projects and Food Sovereignty Tours—gives you the tools to understand the global challenges, build your local movement, and engage with the global movement for food sovereignty.

Oakland Food Policy Council
Shaniece Alexander, MSW, Council Director
salexander@oaklandfood.org
http://oaklandfood.org/
Food is our focus and policy is our tool, but we are nothing if not a gathering of the community first.

Santa Clara Food Systems Alliance
http://sfsa-scc.squarespace.com/
scc.alliance@gmail.com
The Alliance is a collaborative of stakeholders concerned with issues of healthy food access, agricultural production and food distribution in Santa Clara County. The Alliance collaborates with stakeholders in our neighboring counties that share concerns about the same issues.

San Francisco Urban Ag Alliance
http://www.sfuua.org/
The San Francisco Urban Agriculture Alliance (SFUAA) promotes the growing of food within San Francisco and the associated goals of our member organizations, through advocacy, education and grassroots action. Add yourself to their listserve.

SPUR
Oakland, SF, and San Jose
http://www.spur.org/
SPUR is a member-supported nonprofit organization. Through research, education and advocacy, SPUR promotes good planning and good government in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Sustainable Economies Law Center (SELC)
http://www.theselc.org
(510) 398-6219
The SELC is a national nonprofit law center that promotes sustainable and equitable economic development and community self-reliance through law. The SELC advances local democracy, social and economic justice, and environmental responsibility in the United States.
SELC cultivates a new legal landscape that supports community resilience and grassroots economic empowerment. We provide essential legal tools so communities everywhere can develop their own sustainable sources of food, housing, energy, jobs, and other vital aspects of a thriving community. Check out extensive resources on Urban Ag Law here: http://www.urbanaglaw.org/ 

**REGIONAL FOOD GROUPS**

**Center for Urban Education about Sustainable Agriculture (CUESA)**
http://www.cuesa.org/
info@cuesa.org
(415) 291-3276
CUESA is dedicated to cultivating a sustainable food system through the operation of farmers markets and educational programs.

**Common Vision**
Michael Flynn
(831) 588-9914
info@commonvision.org
www.commonvision.org
Let’s work together to ensure fresh fruit grows in every schoolyard.

**Ecological Farming Association**
https://eco-farm.org/
(831) 763-2111
info@eco-farm.org
The Ecological Farming Association (EcoFarm) is a non-profit educational organization whose mission is to nurture safe, healthy, just, and ecologically sustainable farms, food systems, and communities by bringing people together for education, alliance building, advocacy, and celebration. Popular for their annual Ecological Farming Conference.

**La Mesa Verde**
San Jose

**URBAN FARMS**

**Acta Non Verba: Youth Urban Farm Project**
Oakland, CA
www.anvfarm.org

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<td>Farms to Grow, Inc. is a 501c3 nonprofit organization dedicated to working with Black farmers and underserved sustainable farmers around the country. Farms To Grow, Inc. is committed to sustainable farming and innovative agriculture practices which preserve the cultural and biological diversity, the agroecological balance of the local environment.</td>
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<td>Our mission is to provide practical skills for all San Franciscans to personally contribute to sustainability through urban gardens, farms, and food. Whether you are a new gardener or an experienced urban farmer, we have workshops for you in our nationally acclaimed teaching garden.</td>
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<td>GROW Incubator is a space to collaborate, network, skillshare, and GROW. We are home to entrepreneurs, artists and activists, who are looking to build GrassRoots power in the Movement for self-determination. We’re a community brought together by a shared passion for social justice.</td>
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Top Leaf Farms
http://www.topleaffarms.com/index.html
(831) 667-2376
farmerroof@gmail.com
We offer consultation, design, installation, project management and operational services for highly productive Ecological agriculture systems for rural and urban residential and commercial. We are currently offering very innovative solutions in Urban Rooftop Agriculture.

Urban Tilth
Richmond, CA
http://www.urbantilth.org/
(510)232-0911
admin@urbantilth.org
Urban Tilth cultivates agriculture in west Contra Costa County to help our community build a more sustainable, healthy, and just food system. We hire and train residents to work with schools, community-based organizations, government agencies, businesses, and individuals to develop the capacity to produce 5% of our own food supply.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Bay Friendly Landscaping
http://rescapeca.org/
info@ReScapeCA.org
(510) 859-8026
ReScape California, also known as the Bay-Friendly Landscaping & Gardening Coalition, is an advocate and expert in the creation of sustainable landscapes for commercial, multi-family, and public spaces as well as single-family residences. ReScape California brings together a wide range of partners and acts as a credible, practical and flexible one-stop center for sustainable landscaping training, technical data, and resources.

Sustainable Agriculture Education Association (SAEA)
http://sustainabledgeaged.org/
SAEA promotes and supports the development, application, research, and exchange of best teaching and learning practices in sustainable agriculture education and curricula through communication, training, development, and collaborative activities for teachers and learners.

The Plant Exchange
http://therooftopfarmer@gmail.com
(510) 290-4049
The Plant Exchange is a twice-a-year free community event. The event encourages neighborliness, reuse, recycling, organic living, resource sharing, and information exchange. For all gardeners, landscapers, urban farmers, and outdoor fans from all 9 Bay Area counties.

USEFUL TOOLS

CropMobster
https://sfbay.cropmobster.com/
CropMobster is an online community-based exchange system for the trade and exchange items within the food and agricultural space. CropMobster SF Bay is focused on providing a locally based community for hunger relievers, tackle food waste and build our “farm-to-fork” economy in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Co-Garden
Sunil Nair
(415) 915-GROW
Rsunil.nair@gmail.com
The Cogarden Platform promotes social interactions with food growing communities that inspires a transparent, equitable, and cooperative food economy.

eOrganic Webinars – FREE
http://articles.extension.org/pages/25242/webinars-by-eorganic
Learn the latest in organic farming practices and research by attending or watching an eOrganic Webinar. Sign up for upcoming webinars to watch slides, listen to the presenter, and type in questions during the live events. To receive notices about upcoming webinars, and find out when we post the archived sessions, sign up for the eOrganic newsletter.