

Sacramento Region 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://cecapitolcorridor.ucanr.edu/>
(530) 666-8143

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.

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.

UC Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education Program (SAREP)

<http://asi.ucdavis.edu/programs/sarep>
(530) 752-3915

Agricultural Sustainability Institute (ASI)

University of California at Davis

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.

Sustainable Agriculture Education (SAGE)

The David Brower Center
Berkeley, CA

<http://www.sagecenter.org>

(510) 526-1793

info@sagecenter.org

Through our two linked programs – Urban-Edge Agricultural Revitalization and Urban-Rural Connections – SAGE works to revitalize agricultural places that sustain, contain and define cities and to connect urban and rural communities for their mutual benefit.

As a lean, entrepreneurial nonprofit organization, we use a collaborative approach to develop pioneering projects and provide technical services in the Bay Area and beyond. Our partners and clients include public agencies, land trusts, farmers and agricultural associations, planning and economic consultancy firms, public-interest organizations, educators, health experts, and urban and rural community groups.

GOVERNMENT GROUPS & AGENCIES

For permitting of Approved Source Farms, Farmer's Markets Certification and Pesticide Regulation and Enforcement:

Sacramento County Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures

AGCOMM@saccounty.net

The Sacramento County Department of Agriculture / Weights and Measures promotes the Sacramento 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.

For information about zoning and permitting for urban farm stands (also see urban agriculture ordinance)

Sacramento County Planning Department

Sacplan@saccounty.net

Sacramento County Urban Agriculture Ordinance

www.per.saccounty.net/LandUseRegulationDocuments/Pages/Urban-Agriculture-Ordinance.aspx

For questions on Food Safety:

Sacramento County Environmental Management Department

EMDinfo@saccounty.net

Yolo County Agricultural Farmbudsman (Stephanie Cormier)
(530) 406-4800

Yolo County Planning Division: 530-666-8775

www.yolocounty.org/community-services/planning-public-works/planning-division

Yolo County Environmental Health Division
Environmental.health@yolocounty.org

City of Sacramento Urban Agriculture
www.cityofsacramento.org/Community-Development/Planning/Long-Range/Urban-Agriculture

Sacramento Region Resource Conservation Districts
www.yolorcd.org/ (Yolo County) 530.661.1688
www.solanorcd.org/ (Solano Co.) 707-678-1655 x 101
RCD and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) collaborate to provide technical and educational services for natural resource conservation and agriculture enhancement.

ATTRA Sustainable Agriculture Program
NCAT's Western Office - Davis, CA
<https://attra.ncat.org>
(530) 792-7338
(800) 411-3222

ATTRA is a program developed and managed by the National Center for Appropriate Technology (NCAT). We are committed to providing high value information and technical assistance to farmers, ranchers, Extension agents, educators, and others involved in sustainable agriculture in the United States. especially those who are economically disadvantaged or belong to traditionally underserved communities. NCAT strives to make our information available to everyone who needs it. If you are a limited-

access or low-income farmer and find that one of our publications is just not in your budget, please call 800-346-9140.

City of Sacramento Community Gardens
www.cityofsacramento.org/ParksandRecreation/Specialty-Parks/Community-Gardens

The Department of Youth, Parks, & community enrichment operates several permanent community gardens. For more information call 916-808-4943

Free Wood chips from SMUD
We offer free wood chips to residential customers to spread as mulch around trees and shrubs, making soil more fertile, and helping trees keep growing during the summer heat. They are not available for commercial use. You can pick up the chips at the following locations. Be sure to bring your own tools to load the chips, and bags to carry them in, or a tarp to cover a pickup load.

SMUD Yard: 6100 Folsom Blvd., Sacramento (Between 59th and 65th streets on Folsom Blvd.)
1-916-732-5854
Monday - Friday, 9 AM to 2:30 PM

Elk Grove Water Service: 9700 Railroad Ave., Elk Grove
1-916-685-3556
Monday - Thursday, 8 AM to 3:30 PM

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*.

POLICY & ADVOCACY GROUPS

Sacramento Food Policy Council
<http://www.sacfoodpolicy.org/coordinator@sacfoodpolicy.org>

The Sacramento Food Policy Council aims to propel collective action toward an equitable and sustainable food system by building alignment, advancing policies, and convening advocates, policymakers, and organizations around a shared agenda. Environmental Vision: An equitable, ecologically sound food and farming system in Sacramento County. Organizational Vision: A community where all voices are engaged in and respected in the processes, programs, and policymaking that shapes the food system in Sacramento County.

Slow Food Sacramento
<http://slowfoodsacramento.com/Kelsey@slowfoodsacramento.com>

Slow Food Sacramento is one of more than 200 chapters of Slow Food USA. We are an active chapter that hosts a wide range of educational and convivial events throughout the year to introduce you to the producers and creators of some of the region's outstanding foods, farms, and restaurants. You'll meet the leaders who champion locally and sustainably produced vegetables, fruits, wines, meats, and cheeses. You'll become part of a network to improve access to good, clean, and fair food for *all* in the Sacramento region.

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.

CropMobster Sacramento County
<https://sacramento.cropmobster.com/>
Your community exchange for local food and ag. Using social media, instant email alerts and the power of community to share, we help spread the word quickly on a range of local food system topics as well as find opportunities for supporting hunger relievers, buying from local food producers and reducing food waste.

Sustainable Economies Law Center (SELC) (Oakland)
<http://www.theselc.org>
(510) 398-6219

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/>

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.

URBAN FARMS

Urban Farm list is from:

<https://sacramento.cropmobster.com/urban-agriculture-locations/>

The Cannery Urban Farm

1550 Cannery Ave, Davis, 95616
Mon 9am - 5pm and Special Events
Phone: 5304265889
Email: liz@landbasedlearning.org

Jehfree Lovelace

1717 V Street, Sacramento, 95818
wednesday 4:00-8:00pm & saturday
10:00am-4:00pm
Phone: 9165338569
Jehfree.spirit@gmail.com
<http://www.midtownfreedomfarm.com>
Urban farmers growing hyper-local, nutrient dense vegetable, fruit & herbs for the people who live, work and visit Midtown, Sacramento. Join Sacramento's farm to fork community with your weekly Micro-green subscription.

Del Paso Heights Community Garden

3407 Altos Avenue, Sacramento, 95838
11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. every 2nd & 4th Saturdays
916-905-6757
eppecorp3407@gmail.com
<http://eppecorp.com>
The Del Paso Heights Community Garden (DPHCG) has been a grower of fresh produce and native plant vegetation since the Spring of 2014. The garden offers leadership opportunities for youth, educational

experiences for children and seniors, garden training and management experience, cooking demonstrations, and produce donations for underserved residents in need via our local food banks.

Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services Demonstration Garden

3333 Third Ave, Sacramento 95817
Monday-Friday
916-456-1980
garden@sacramentofoodbank.org
<http://www.sacramentofoodbank.org/health-nutrition/>

Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services' Demonstration Garden is used to educate the community on where food comes from and how to successfully grow it. In addition to our raised garden beds, we also have a greenhouse, compost bins, a vermicompost bin, and a container garden. We host gardening classes for the community on garden design, planting, pest management, irrigation, soil care, and more. Our Demonstration Garden also includes an outdoor kitchen table where clients gather around to learn how to prepare the food they harvest from the garden.

The Natomas Farm

7100 Marysville Blvd, Rio Linda 95673
916-991-1144
produce@thenatomasfarm.com
<https://www.thenatomasfarm.com/>
A Sustainable Farm located a few miles from New Natomas. Growers of heirloom fruits and berries. Free range eggs. Best contact is via email. Offering boysenberries, pluots (four varieties), blood oranges, black mission figs, Rio Oso peaches, elephant heart plums, black mountain watermelon, orangeglo watermelons, vintage cantaloupe and much more. Complete

list on our website. Free tours of the farm and animals. Fruit stand. Home deliveries.

Purdy Urban Farm

2763 63rd Street, Sacramento 95817
Please call for hours.
916-801-2388
Sfore81@gmail.com

We are a Sacramento-based Jesus-loving urban farming family. We operate on a trade/barter/donation system. Bring your excess produce on by, and be part of the neighborhood food revolution!

Farm fresh eggs, herbs, edible flowers, in season produce, and occasionally something for your sweet tooth!

EarthFireFamily Farms

3641 Buena Vista Dr, Sacramento 95864
Please call for hours
916-709-9860
Earthfirefamilyfarms@yahoo.com

Katrina Schultz has been running a small farm and homestead in Arden Park for 20+ years. I began raising dairy goats as a 4-Her and never quit. Over the years I have learned how to healthfully raise livestock on small acreage, and take great pleasure at raising healthy happy animals. Foods commonly available are Eggs, Meat Chickens, Pork, and Seasonal Veggies. Also available for your poultry are whole sproutable chia seeds and hemp pellets in 50lb sacks.

Del Rio Botanica

20030 Old River Rd, West Sacramento, 95692
Please call for hours
(916) 919-1843
delrioseed@hughes.net
<http://delriobotanical.com>

Camilleri Growers And Showers
1590 Caramay Way, Sacramento 95816
Saturday and Sunday TBD
916-622-0462

mikecamilleri1@gmail.com

We are a couple who enjoys growing fruits and vegetables for our selves, families and communities on a small (but growing) scale. assorted citrus, tomatoes, various veggies,

Burbank Urban Garden (BUG) @ Luther Burbank High School

3500 Florin Rd, Sacramento 95823
Please call for hours
Todd-mcpherson@scusd.edu

We are a high school garden and Urban Agriculture Program at Luther Burbank High School.

Ethel I. Baker School Garden

5717 Laurine Way, Sacramento 95824
Please call for hours
916-395-4560
info@soilborn.org
<http://ethelbaker.scusd.edu/>

We are a school garden program at Ethel I. Baker elementary school. We are in partnership with Soil Born Farms' Growing Together School Garden Initiative, and we work with elementary students.

Oakridge Elementary School Garden

4501 Martin L. King, Sacramento 95820
Please call for hours.
916-394-4665
info@soilborn.org
<http://oakridge.scusd.edu/>
We are a school garden operating in partnership with Soil Born Farms' Growing Together School Garden Initiative. We work with elementary students and teachers.

Soil Born Farms

2140 Chase Drive, Rancho Cordova,
95670
8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
916-363-9685

info@soilborn.org

<http://www.soilborn.org>

Our mission is to create an urban agriculture and education project that empowers youth and adults to discover and participate in a local food system that encourages healthy living, nurtures the environment and grows a sustainable community.

Organic farm and orchard, CSA box, Weekend farmstand, field trips, school garden curriculum, and urban fruit tree gleaning.

DoGood Acres Community Homestead

3617 3rd Ave, Sacramento, 95817
530-204-8082

randy.stannard@gmail.com

We are a homestead garden with three community action-oriented homesteaders. Scott Thompson leads Oak Park Soil

(www.facebook.com/oakparksoil),

Dominic Allamano leads Harvest Sacramento (also has perennial plant nursery in the backyard) and Randy Stannard lead Oak Park Sol

(www.oakparksoil, or search our Broadway Sol Community Garden listing on this site).

No regular hours, please call/text/email

Broadway Sol Community Garden

3733 Broadway, Sacramento 95817
No regular hours, but entrance gates on 38th St. are always unlocked.
530-204-8082

rstannard@oakparksol.org

<http://www.oakparksol.org>

Broadway Sol Community Garden was established by Oak Park residents who

wanted a garden and gather space that could be fully developed by and owned by residents. Established in 2012, the garden space continues to grow, mature and change based on the needs, interests and passions of the people who use the garden. We are always looking for more residents to utilize the space and add their unique touch.

First Mother Farms

317 C St, West Sacramento 95605
Please email to schedule a visit.
916-800-2688

rubie@firstmotherfarms.com

<http://www.firstmotherfarms.com>

First Mother Farms aims to inspire plant-based wellness through the sustainable farming of herbs and native weeds. We grow drought tolerant herbs that require minimal water in order to manage our soils with low-till methods and reduce the need for irrigation. Motivated by the belief that planet-earth is our first mother and she has the capacity to provide for our physical needs. We develop products with your wellness in mind.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

UC Master Gardener Program

<http://mg.ucanr.edu/>

UC Master Gardeners provide a training program with over 50 hours of classes, workshops, and consultation on gardening. Once trained, UC Master Gardeners volunteer, educating the public about gardening. Every county or region in California has its own Master Gardener program and they typically offer training every 1-2 years. Gardening skills are a great starting point for beginning farmers or those interested in growing food and plants for their own home use.

UC ANR Urban Agriculture

<http://ucanr.edu/sites/UrbanAg>

Check website for upcoming workshops and events.

Center for Land Based Learning

<http://landbasedlearning.org/farm-academy>

Winters, CA

The California Farm Academy is a seven-month training program and farm business incubator at the Center for Land-Based Learning that teaches and mentors beginning farmers in agricultural production, business planning and marketing of specialty crops, poultry and livestock.

Soil Born Farms

<https://soilborn.org>

Sacramento

Soil Born Farms has various events and classes in addition to a full-year farm apprenticeship program for those interested in farming.

Rudolph Steiner College

Fair Oaks, CA

<http://steinercollege.edu/>

Rudolph Steiner College operates a one to two-year biodynamic farm apprenticeship program as well as workshops.

Green Tech Urban Garden and Aquaponics Farm

4309 38th St, Sacramento 95831
Tues & Sat, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
916-224-1042

greentechedu7@gmail.com

<http://www.greentechedu.org>

The Green Tech Teaching Urban Farming and Aquaponics (TUFA) program is located on a 11,761 sq ft property in the South Oak Park neighborhood of Sacramento. Green Tech students learn how to grow a variety of vegetables inside our 1,000

sq ft greenhouse on four innovative aquaponics food growing systems. Students learn the biological science system of using nutrients from live fish to grow healthy vegetables and harvest process. Green Tech students also learn the process of growing food in the traditional soil-based process. In addition, students learn basic workforce ethics and skill building providing landscape and compost maintenance, and building planter boxes.

The Farmers Guild/CAFF

<http://www.farmersguild.org>

With a passion for feeding our local communities, we unite to share skills, knowledge and forge a collective voice for sustainable agriculture. Founded by farmers for farmers, we support healthy food production by collectively striving toward the economic viability of farms as well as the social networks to attract, cultivate and sustain a new generation ready to work the land.

Yisrael Family Urban Farm

4507 Roosevelt Ave, Sacramento
95820

Everyday except Fridays and Saturdays
from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

888-487-9494

sales@yisraelfamilyfarm.net

<http://www.yisraelfamilyfarm.net>

The Yisrael Family Urban Farm is "transforming the hood for GOOD" using urban agriculture to engage, employ and empower communities. We do that by teaching people how to grow food, prepare/preserve food, and mentoring youth through project GOOD which is an acronym for "Growing Our Own Destiny."