Garden for the Environment's RESOURCE LIST

Garden for the Environment (GFE) is a ½ acre teaching and demonstration garden located in San Francisco’s Inner Sunset district. GFE offers a diverse range of low-cost gardening classes to the public, hosts field trips, volunteer hours and a three month award winning gardening and composting training program. Below are some resources we recommend for Bay Area gardeners.

GARDEN & PEST QUESTIONS

Garden for the Environment “Rotline”
7th Avenue at Lawton St, SF. (415) 558-8246
General gardening and composting questions.

UC Cooperative Extension
(650) 726-9059 x 107
A federal government service for gardening questions.

StopWaste.org
Alameda County Rotline
(510) 444 – SOIL

Dept. of Public Works Street Garbage
(415) 28-CLEAN
San Francisco service for reporting graffiti and street garbage.

National Pesticide Information Center
(800) 858-7378

Helen Crocker Russell Library of Horticulture at Strybing Arboretum
9th Ave. at Lincoln Wy., Golden Gate Park, SF
(415) 661-1316
For reference and research only.

SOIL TESTING

Micro Analytical Laboratories (Emeryville)
5900 Hollis St. Emeryville (510) 653-0824
www.labmicro.com
Mention you were referred by SFDPH and receive 50% off test cost.

University of Massachusetts at Amherst
(413) 545-2311
Mon. – Fri. 8am – 4pm
Soil testing including lead testing.

COMPOST BINS & HOTLINES

Cole Hardware
956 Cole St., SF. (415) 753-2653
3312 Mission St, SF. (415) 647-8700
2254 Polk St., SF. (415) 674-8913
70 4th St, (415) 777-4400
www.colehardware.com
GFE members receive a 10% discount here!

Triformis Corporation
(888) 469-6767
www.triformis.com
Ask about ordering through GFE and Triformis will make a donation to our garden!

Recology
Sunset Scavenger: (415) 330-1300
Golden Gate Disposal: (415) 626-4000
www.sunsetscavenger.com
Order San Francisco compost bins online.

StopWaste.org – Alameda County
(510) 891-6500

StopWaste.org – Contra Costa County
(925) 674-7816

Composting in Santa Cruz
(831) 454-2160
www.compostsantacruzcounty.org

WORMS & WORM BINS

Cole Hardware
956 Cole St, SF. (415) 753-2653
3312 Mission St, SF. (415) 647-8700
2254 Polk St, SF. (415) 674-8913
70 4th St, (415) 777-4400
www.colehardware.com
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Sonoma Valley Worm Farm
(707) 996-8561
www.sonomavalleyworms.com
Triformis Corporation  
(888) 469-6767  
www.triformis.com  
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Pacha Mama Landscaping  
(415) 551-WORM  
www.organic-landscaping.com

Can-O-Worms Worm Composter  
Sold at Cole Hardware and other local hardware stores.

SOIL & COMPOST

Lyngso Garden Materials  
19 Seaport Blvd., Redwood City (650) 364-1730  
www.lyngsogarden.com  
GFE members receive a 10% discount here! Large selection of soils, amendments; delivery available.

American Soil  
2121 San Joaquin St., Richmond (510) 292-3000  
565A Jacoby St., San Rafael (415) 456-1381  
www.americansoil.com  
Large selection of soils (including organic soil), amendments; delivery available.

Flowercraft Garden Center  
550 Bayshore Blvd., SF. (415) 824-1900  
GFE members receive a 10% discount here! Bagged soil and amendments.

Sloat Garden Center  
2700 Sloat Blvd., SF. (415) 566-4415  
327 3rd Ave., SF. (415) 752-1614  
3237 Pierce St., SF. (415)440-1000  
www.sloatgardens.com  
Bagged soil and amendments.

Plant'It Earth  
1 Dorman Ave., SF (415) 970-2465  
www.plantitearth.com  
Bagged soil and amendments

Broadmoor Lumber  
1350 El Camino Real SSF. (650) 761-1515  
www.broadmoorlandscape.com  
Soil, compost available.

MANURE

Mar Vista Stables  
2152 Skyline Blvd., Daly City (650) 991-4224  
www.marvistastable.com  
Free pick up; will deliver truckload to San Francisco.

Sea Horse Ranch  
1828 Cabrillo Hwy., Half Moon Bay (650) 726-9903  
www.seahorseranch.org  
Free; load yourself.

Miwok Valley Livery Stables  
701 Tennessee Valley Read, Mill Valley (415) 383-8048  
www.miwokstables.com  
Free; load yourself.

Piedmont Stables  
6525 Redwood Rd, Oakland. (510) 531-9944  
www.skyline-ranch.com/piedmont-stables  
Free; load yourself.

Anthony Chabot Equestrian Center  
14600 Skyline Blvd., Oakland (510) 569-4428  
Free; load yourself.

COMPOST ADDITIONS
SAWDUST, COFFEE GROUNDS/CHAFF, CARDBOARD, ETC

Obtaining small-scale resources usually depends on fostering a relationship with small business owners and their employees. Usually people are happy to unload what is garbage to them, so see what you can find. It is very important you clearly convey the importance of avoiding any potential toxins. For example if you are looking for sawdust, make sure the cabinetmaker/lumberyard knows to avoid treated woods.

WOODCHIPS

Look in the Yellow Pages under Tree Services, or Arborists. Many offer free woodchips and delivery when they complete a job in your area. They will need an area such as a front driveway where they can dump what is usually a LARGE truckload. They will rightly insist you to take all of it so be prepared, and consider involving neighbors who would like a portion.

Be sure to ask what kind of wood you will be receiving and check load before it is dumped. Avoid Eucalyptus.

Costello’s Tree Service  
(415) 664-8733
Guastucci’s Tree Service  
(415) 777-0378

Hummingbird Tree Service  
(415) 889-0568

Martin’s Tree Service  
(415) 584-6878

STRAW

Half Moon Bay Feed & Fuel  
331 Main St., Half Moon Bay (650) 726-4814  
www.halfmoonbay-feedandfuel.com

San Mateo Feed & Pet Supply  
346 El Camino Real, Redwood City (650)365-3738  
www.sanmateopet.com

Close Feed & Supply  
727 Industrial Pkwy. W., Hayward (510)581-6811

HARDWARE CLOTH  
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Hardware cloth can be purchased at most hardware stores, though frequently the people working there don’t know what it is called. Gopher wire is exactly this: “Half-inch galvanized steel mesh”. It is purchased by the role, and you will usually need to buy galvanized wire to string sections together, as well as galvanized “U shaped” nails aka “fencing staples” to attach it to a raised bed. For compost sifters use quarter inch galvanized mesh. Chicken wire has larger holes and does not work as gopher wire. Galvanized steel is important for landscape construction as it is very slow to corrode.

ORGANIC SEEDS & STARTS

Flora Grubb Gardens  
1634 Jerrold Ave., SF. (415) 626.7256  
www.floragrubb.com  
GFE members receive a 10% discount here!

Flowercraft Garden Center  
550 Bayshore Blvd., SF. (415) 824-1900  
www.flowercraftg.com  
GFE members receive a 10% discount here!

Clement Nursery  
1921 Clement St., SF (415) 750-3990  
www.facebook.com/clementnursery  
GFE members receive a 10% discount here!

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2700 Sloat Blvd., SF. (415) 566-4415  
327 3rd Ave., SF. (415) 752-1614  
3237 Pierce St., SF. (415)440-1000  
www.sloatgardens.com

Plant’It Earth  
1 Dorman Ave., SF (415) 970-2465  
www.plantitearth.com

San Francisco Botanical Garden  
9th Ave. at Lincoln Way, Golden Gate Park  
(415) 661-1316  
www.sfbotanicalgarden.org/plant-sales/  
The arbor by the south entrance is open every day with a small but nice selection. Large-scale plant sales occur one Saturday per month. Check website for details.

Annie’s Annuals  
740 Market Ave., Richmond (510) 215-3301  
www.anniesannuals.com  
Annie’s has an outstanding selection. You can order online for mail deliver that works remarkably well.

Berkeley Horticultural Nursery  
1310 McGee Ave., Berkeley (510)526-4704  
www.berkeleyhort.com

Bay Area Seed Interchange Library  
Ecology Center  
2530 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. (510) 548-2220  
www.basilseedlibrary.com

Baker Creek Heirloom Seed Co.  
2278 Baker Creek Rd., Mansfield, MO (417)924-8917  
www.rareseeds.com

High Mowing Organic Seeds  
76 Quarry Rd., Wolcott, VT (802)472-6174  
www.highmowingseeds.com

Johnny’s Select Seeds  
P.O. Box 299, Waterville, ME (877)564-6697  
www.johnnyseeds.com

Kitazawa Seed Company  
401 4th St. #206, Oakland (510)595-1188  
www.kitazawaseed.com
Peaceful Valley Farm Supply
P.O. Box 2209 125 Clydedale Ct., Grass Valley
(888) 784-1722
www.groworganic.com

Seeds of Change
P.O. Box 4908 Rancho Dominguez, CA (888) 762-7333
www.seedsofchange.com

Seed Savers Exchange
3094 North Winn Rd., Decorah, IA (563)382-5990
www.seed Savers.org

Territorial Seeds
P.O. Box 158 Cottage Grove, OR (800) 626-0866
www.seed Savers.org

NATIVE PLANTS

Bay Natives Nursery
Pier 96, SF. (415) 287-6755
www.baynatives.com

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(415) 661-1316
www.sfbotanicalgarden.org/plant-sales/
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details.

Yerba Buena Nursery
12511 San Mateo Rd., Hwy 92, Half Moon Bay
(650) 851-1668
www.yerbabuenanursery.com

Larner Seed Co.
235 Fern Road, Bolinas CA 94924, (415) 868-9407
www.larnerseeds.com
California native seeds of wildflowers, grass, trees and
shrubs in packets.

Native Revival Nursery
2600 Mar Vista Dr., Aptos (831) 684-1811
www.nativerevival.com

WHERE TO TAKE YARD WASTE

SF Dump (Transfer Station – Recology)
501 Tunnel Ave., SF. (415) 330-1400
www.recologysf.com
The minimum charge is $27, plus additional by weight.

Bayview Greenwaste
1300 Carrol Ave., SF. (415) 822-7686
No minimum charge.

GENERAL GARDEN & FARM SUPPLY

Cole Hardware
956 Cole St, SF. (415) 753-2653
3312 Mission St, SF. (415) 647-8700
www.colehardware.com
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327 3rd Ave., SF (415) 752-1614
3237 Pierce St., SF (415) 440-1000
www.sloatgardens.com

Harmony Farm Supply and Nursery
3244 Gravenstein Hwy. N, Sebastopol (707) 823-9125
www.harmonyfarm.com

Peaceful Valley Farm Supply
P.O. Box 2209 125 Clydedale Ct., Grass Valley
(888) 784-1722
www.groworganic.com

IRRIGATION

Urban Farmer Store
2833 Vicente St., SF (415) 661-2204
653 East Blithedale, Mill Valley (415) 380-3840
2121 San Joaquin St., Richmond (510) 524-1604
www.urbanfarmerstore.com
GFE members receive a 10% discount here!

URBANITE (BROKEN CONCRETE)

Sunset Concrete
Talk with Mark Foti. Delivery will be large and similar to a woodchip delivery (see below).
(415) 671-3926

PREDATORY INSECTS
For greenhouse use only

Plant’It Earth
1 Dorman Ave., SF. (415) 970-2465
www.plantitearth.com
Ladybugs, nematodes, mites

Sloat Garden Center
2700 Sloat Blvd., SF (415) 566-4415
327 3rd Ave., SF (415) 752-1614
3237 Pierce St., SF. (415) 440-1000
www.sloatgardens.com
Ladybugs

BEE & WASP REMOVAL

Noe Valley Bees
Philip Gerrie (415) 641-7457
http://www.noevalleybees.com
Honeybee swarm removal.

S.F. Beekeepers Association
www.sfbee.org

Beekeepers Guild of San Mateo County
www.sanmateobee.org
Honeybee swarm removal.

RECYCLED LUMBER

Building Resources
701 Amador St., SF (415) 285-7814
www.buildingresources.org
GFE members receive a 10% discount here! Salvaged lumber and building materials.

Urban Ore
900 Murray St., Berkeley (510)841-7283
www.urbanore.com

FSC NEW LUMBER

Discount Builders Supply
1695 Mission St
(between 13th St & Plum St)
SF (4415) 621-8511
http://www.discountbuildersupplysf.com

Beronio Lumber
2525 Marin Street
SF 94124 (415)824-4300
http://www.beronio.com/

TOOL LENDING

Green City Store
1029 Geneva St, SF (415) 552-9201x17
www.sfcleancity.com

TOOL RENTALS

Action Rentals
1530 Folsom St, SF (415) 826-1830
Hertz Equipment Rental
435 S. Van Ness, SF. (415) 865-4444
www.hertzequip.com
Rents wheelbarrows, weed whackers, etc.

EDUCATION, GREENING, & GARDENING GROUPS

Pam Peirce’s Blog
www.goldengategarden.typepad.com
Pam Peirce is the author of Golden Gate Gardening; a complete guide to year-round food gardening in the San Francisco Bay Area.

plantSF
www.plantSF.org
Promotes permeable landscaping.

San Francisco Urban Ag Alliance (SFUAA)
www.sfuaa.org

SPUR
654 Mission St., SF. (415) 781-8726
www.spur.org

California Native Plant Society
Yerba Buena Chapter
www.cnps-verbabuena.org

Crissy Field Center
1199 East Beach, Presidio, SF. (415) 561-7690
www.crissyfield.org

CUESA
One Ferry Building, Suite 50, SF. (415) 291-3276
www.ferryplazafarmersmarket.com
Center for Urban Education about Sustainable Agriculture.

Education Outside
www.educationoutside.org
Runs outdoor classrooms and garden programs in San Francisco elementary and middle schools.

Urban Sprouts
www.urbansprouts.org
Run school garden programs in San Francisco middle and high schools; nutrition education and outreach.

The Edible Schoolyard Project
Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School

1781 Rose St., Berkeley (510) 558-1335
www.edibleschoolyard.org

Biodynamic Farming & Gardening Association
www.biodynamics.com

The Watershed Project
1327 S. 46th St. Bldg #155, Richmond Field Station (510) 231-5655
www.thewatershedproject.org

The Center for Agroecology & Sustainable Food Systems
UC Santa Cruz
1156 High St. Santa Cruz (831) 459-2321
www.casfs.ucsc.edu

Ecology Center
2530 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. (510) 548-2220
www.ecologycenter.org

Berkeley Youth Alternatives
1255 Alton Way, Berkeley
www.byaonline.org

Planet Drum Foundation’s Green City Project
www.planetdrum.org

Occidental Arts & Ecology Center
15290 Coleman Valley Rd., Occidental (707) 874-1557
www.oaec.org

Green Gulch Farm
1601 Shoreline Highway, Muir Beach (415) 383-3134
www.sfzc.com/ggf/

San Francisco Mycological Society
c/o The Randall Museum, 199 Museum Way, SF. (415) 759-0495
www.mssf.org

Slide Ranch
2025 Shoreline Highway, Muir Beach (415) 381-6155
www.slideranch.org

Trust for Public Land
(415) 495-4014
www.tpl.org

American Community Gardening Association
1777 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH.
www.communitygarden.org

“Food What?!?”
Life Lab – Santa Cruz, CA
www.foodwhat.org

City Slickr Farms
1625 16th Street, Oakland (510) 763-4241
www.cityslickrfarms.org

SF City College – Environmental Horticulture
50 Phelan Ave, Box EH/F, SF. (415) 239-3236

Merritt College Landscape Horticulture
12500 Campus Drive, Oakland (510) 531-4911
www.merrittlandhort.com

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE GROUPS

Literacy for Environmental Justice
909 Florida St, SF. (415) 282-6840
www.lejyouth.org

People’s Grocery
909 7th St, Oakland (510) 652-7607
www.peoplesgrocery.org

Center for Environmental Health (CEH)
2201 Broadway St. Ste. 302, Oakland (510) 594-9864
www.ceh.org

GreenAction
703 Market St. Ste. 510, SF. (415) 248-5600
www.greenaction.org

Urban Habitat
1212 Broadway St. Ste. 500, Oakland (510) 839-9510
www.urbanhabitat.org

HORTICULTURAL GROUPS

San Francisco Botanical Garden at Strybing Arboretum
9th Ave. at Lincoln Way, Golden Gate Park, SF.
www.sfbotanicalgarden.org

U.C. Berkeley Botanical Garden