

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., SF. (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

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3312 Mission St., SF. (415) 647-8700
2254 Polk St., SF. (415) 674-8913
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Sonoma Valley Worm Farm

(707) 996-8561
www.sonomavalleyworms.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 SF. (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 Road, 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 aka "GOPHER WIRE"

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.flowercraftgc.com
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Clement Nursery

1921 Clement St., SF (415) 750-3990
www.facebook.com/clementnursery
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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.seedsavers.org

Territorial Seeds

P.O. Box 158 Cottage Grove, OR (800) 626-0866

www.territorial-seed.com

NATIVE PLANTS**Bay Natives Nursery**

Pier 96, SF. (415) 287-6755

www.baynatives.com

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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.nativer revival.com

TREES**Friends of the Urban Forest (FUF)**

1007 General Kennedy Ave., Ste. 1
Presidio of SF. (415) 561-6890

www.fuf.net

Street tree information and plantings on public property.

San Francisco Department of Public Works

Street Tree Coordinator (415) 554-6700

David Wilson Nursery

19701 Lake Rd., Hickman (209) 874-1821

www.davewilson.com

Fruit, nut and shade trees.

Raintree Nursery

391 Butts Rd., Morton, WA (800) 391-8892

www.raintreenursery.com

Fruit & nut trees, berries, vines.

Trees of Antiquity

20 Wellsona Rd., Paso Robles (805) 467-9909

www.treesofantiquity.com

Heirloom fruit trees.

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**

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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 (415) 621-8511

<http://www.discountbuilderssupplysf.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

www.actionrentalsonline.com

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.sfuua.org

SPUR

654 Mission St., SF. (415) 781-8726

www.spur.org

California Native Plant Society

Yerba Buena Chapter

www.cnps-yerbabuena.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 Allton 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

200 Centennial Dr., Berkeley (510) 643-2755
www.botanicalgarden.berkeley.edu

“Food What?!”

Life Lab – Santa Cruz, CA
www.foodwhat.org

San Francisco Garden Club

(415) 771-0282
www.sanfranciscogardenclub.org

City Slickr Farms

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

San Francisco Flower & Garden Show

(415) 731-3994
www.sfgardenshow.com

SF City College – Environmental Horticulture

50 Phelan Ave, Box EH/F, SF. (415) 239-3236
www.ccsf.edu/NEW/en/educational-programs/school-and-departments/school-of-liberal-arts/EHRF.html

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