



Urban Gardener Certification Program Application & Agreement 2019

Thank you for your interest in the Hunter Park GardenHouse Urban Gardener Certification Program! Here you will find a description of the program, registration details, and payment options. If you would like to register you can apply online or mail or drop off a completed and signed copy of the attached application and agreement to Allen Neighborhood Center, 1611 E. Kalamazoo Street Lansing, MI 48912 (Attn: Urban Gardener). If you have any questions, contact Kat Kepski at 517-999-3913 or gardeneducator@allenneighborhoodcenter.org.

About the Urban Gardener Certification Program

This program, intended for beginner-intermediate gardeners, features 11 sessions of instruction in basic yard & greenhouse gardening skills appropriate for high density, small lot neighborhoods such as those on Lansing's Eastside and the raised beds in the GardenHouse. **Participants will have hands-on instruction as we plant and care for a garden together over the length of the program.** Registrants attend Saturday workshops with special guest lecturers, Thursday evening labs on focused, hands-on topics, and field experience hours completed alongside GardenHouse staff to provide practical, in the dirt experience!

Topics Covered Include:

- Gardening in a community
- When to plant what crops
- Selecting your garden site
- Making your own compost
- Planning your garden layout
- Weeds and weeding
- Pests and Diseases
- Evaluating your soil and amending it
- Easy-to-grow vegetables and flowers for mid-Michigan
- Harvesting different kinds of crops
- Seed starting
- Structures in the garden
- Preparing the soil to plant
- Fall cleanup and other fall tasks
- Sowing seeds directly into the garden
- Planting transplants
- Tools and tool care
- Taking care of the gardener

Location: Hunter Park GardenHouse, 1400 block E. Kalamazoo St. Lansing, MI 48912. Just off the Clifford Street parking lot, one block south of Kalamazoo.

Program Fee is \$100, which includes coursepack, entrance to 6 GardenHouse workshops, 6 group lab sessions, and 20 hours of GardenHouse field experience.

- Registrants must complete an ANC volunteer application, Background Check waiver, and orientation. Field experience hours must be completed within one year of program start date (by February 7, 2020), during regular GardenHouse volunteer shifts. Certificates of completion will be issued upon attendance to at least 8 of 11 sessions and completion of the required 20 hours of field experience.

Urban Gardener Certification Program Schedule 2019

1. **Thursday, February 7, 6:00-7:00pm:** LAB: Intro to Urban Gardener Program, Emily Nicholls, Hunter Park GardenHouse.
2. **Saturday, February 9, 12:00-2:00pm:** Seed Starting and Transplanting with Denae Friedheim, Farmer-turned-gardener & Assistant Director MSU RISE
3. **Saturday, March 2, 12:00-2:00pm:** Planning Your Gardening Year with Abby Harper, Michigan State University Extension
4. **Saturday, March 23, 12:00-2:00pm:** Soil Care in Home and Community Gardens with Emily Nicholls, Hunter Park GardenHouse.
5. **Saturday, April 13th, 12:00-2:00pm:** Vermicomposting with Brooke and Donny Comer, MSU Horticulture Department and Greater Lansing Food Bank Garden Project.
6. **Thursday, April 18, 6:00-7:00pm:** LAB: Compost 101 with Egypt Krohn, Hunter Park GardenHouse.
7. **Thursday, May 9, 6:00-7:00pm:** LAB: Season Extension with Egypt Krohn, Hunter Park GardenHouse.
8. **Saturday, May 18, 12:00-2:00pm:** Organic Pest Management with Matt Grieshop, Michigan State University Professor
9. **Thursday, May 23, 6:00-7:00pm:** LAB: Soil Sampling, Tools, & Trellises with Egypt Krohn, Hunter Park GardenHouse
10. **Thursday, June 6, 6:00-7:00pm:** LAB: Bed Preparation, Transplanting, and Direct Seeding with Egypt Krohn, Hunter Park GardenHouse.
11. **Thursday, June 27, 6:00-7:00pm:** LAB: Routine Maintenance, Harvesting, and Self Care with Egypt Krohn, Hunter Park GardenHouse.
12. One Elective Saturday GardenHouse Workshop included with registration. Additional workshops are \$12 each. For full 2019 GardenHouse Workshop Series, go to:
<http://allenneighborhoodcenter.org/gardenhouse/workshops/>

Hunter Park GardenHouse Volunteer Shift Schedule: We have volunteer shifts available during Hunter Park GardenHouse open hours. During volunteer orientation, you select a shift (we ask for a minimum of 2 hours per week) that works with your schedule.

October-May: Monday-Friday, 9:30am-12pm.

June-September: Monday-Friday, 9:30am-12pm & Monday-Thursday 5:30-7:30pm.

Payment: Full Payment is due no later than the first session (Thursday, February 7) via check, cash, or credit (Visa or MasterCard). Checks made payable to: Allen Neighborhood Center (Urban Gardener in the memo line). Drop off at or mail to: 1619 E. Kalamazoo Street Lansing, MI 48912

What Past Urban Gardeners Are Saying About the Program

"The volunteer hours are the perfect opportunity for hands-on, putting in practice and seeing first-hand what you learned in class."

"I liked the fact that we started from the beginning, with starts; planted veggies over several classes and followed the spring planting schedule."

"I've integrated so much of what I learned into my garden planning. I used my space much more effectively and improved my composting...I have used a lot!"

Thank You for Supporting the Hunter Park GardenHouse!

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Urban Gardener Certification Program Application

Contact Information

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Agreement

Cost

\$100 program fee includes: Course packet, Attendance to 6 GardenHouse Workshops, 6 Lab sessions, and 20 hours field experience at the GardenHouse. Registrants must complete the Allen Neighborhood Center Volunteer Application (provided with coursepack) and complete a volunteer orientation at ANC.

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I wish to join the Urban Gardener Certification Program. I have read and understand the conditions above.

- I understand this course is intended for beginner-intermediate gardeners.
- I understand the Hunter Park GardenHouse volunteer shift schedule.
- I agree to check in on the sign-in sheet at each session.
- I agree to attend 8 of the 11 sessions.
- I agree to complete 20 field hours during regularly scheduled GardenHouse work shifts

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Please fill out the registration and agreement forms and mail in or drop off to our office with your payment. Please keep a copy for your records.

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