



GARDEN FOR THE ENVIRONMENT'S RESOURCE LIST

GARDEN & PEST QUESTIONS

Garden for the Environment Rotline
(415) 731-5627
General Gardening and Composting questions.

UC Cooperative Extension
625 Miramontes St., Suite 200
Half Moon Bay, CA 94019
(650) 726-9059
<http://ucanr.org/>
Rotline open Mon. and Thurs. 8am - 4pm
A federal government service for gardening questions.

Strybing Arboretum Library
9th Ave. at Lincoln Way, Golden Gate Park, SF, CA
94112
(415) 661-1514
For reference and research only, not a hotline.
Library open daily 10 am - 4pm

Alameda County Waste Management Authority
ROTLINE: (510) 444 - SOIL
General Gardening and Composting questions.

Dept. of Public Works Street Garbage
(415) 28-CLEAN (282-5326)

National Pesticide Line
(800) 858-7378
<http://npic.orst.edu/>
General information about pesticide usage and its effects.

SOIL TESTING

University of MA.
(413) 545-2311
<http://www.umass.edu/soiltest/>
For lead content in soil.

Anresco Laboratories (San Francisco)
1370 Van Dyke Ave.
(800) 359-0920
<http://www.anresco.com/>
Comprehensive, independent soil analysis.

Perry Lab (Watsonville)
(831) 722-7606
<http://perrylaboratory.com/>
For nutrients and texture

Soil Control Lab (Watsonville)
(831) 724-5422
<http://www.controllabs.com/>

Comprehensive, independent soil analysis.

Soil and Plant Lab (Santa Clara)
(408) 727-0330
www.soilandplantlaboratory.com/

COMPOST BINS & HOTLINES

San Francisco Dept. of the Environment
(415) 554-3400
www.sfenvironment.org
General composting information.

Alameda Co. Home Composting Program
(510) 614-1699
<http://stopwaste.org/>
General composting information.

Contra Costa County
(800) 750-4096
www.co.contra-costa.ca.us/depart/cd/recycle
General composting information.

Palo Alto (City)
(408) 918-4640
www.cityofpaloalto.org/zerowaste
General composting information.

Sonoma County—Environmental Health Division
(707) 565-6565
www.recyclenow.org
General composting information.

San Mateo County
(888) 442-2666
www.RecycleWorks.org
General composting information.

Santa Clara County
408-282-3180
www.reducewaste.org
General composting information.

Santa Cruz County- Ecology Action
(831) 423-4327 Rotline
(831) 426-5925
www.ecoact.org/
General composting information.

Home Composter Bin
Harmonious Technologies
(707) 823-1999
Local makers of recommended compost bins.

Composters.com
www.composters.com
Online compost bin broker



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Compostbins.com
www.compostbins.com

Nature Mill
www.naturemill.com

Local makers of electronic home composters

WORMS & WORM BINS

Bay Worms
(510) 776-6210

www.bayworms.org

Sellers of composting worms, and promoters and educators of worm composting practices.

Cole Hardware

956 Cole St., SF. (415) 753-2653

3312 Mission St., SF. (415) 647-8700

www.colehardware.com

Well-rounded local hardware stores that sell vermicultural products.

Sonoma Valley Worm Farm
(707) 996-8561

www.sonomavalleywormfarm.com

Offer a range of vermicultural products, including worms and castings.

Foothill Worm Ranch
(925) 484-4192

www.foothillwormranch.com

Supplier of red worms, worm castings, and worm casting tea

Mama's Worm Composting
(510) 290-2668

www.mamaswormcomposting.com

Supplier of red worms, castings, worm farm, traditional composting systems

The Worm Dude

www.thewormdude.com

Sells Red Wigglers, and provides Santa Clara County's composting program with Red Wigglers.

Pachamama Landscaping
(415) 551-WORM(9676)

www.organic-landscaping.com

Supplier of a range of vermicultural products and services.

Common Ground Organic Garden Supply and Education Center

(650) 493-6072

www.commongroundinpaloalto.org

Sellers of composting worms, and promoters and educators of worm composting practices.

Triformis Corp.
(888) 469-6767

<http://www.triformis.com/>

Makers of the Wiggly Wranch Worm Bin

PREDATORY INSECTS

Plant It Earth

661 Divisadero St., SF. (415) 626-5082

www.plantitearth.com

Ladybugs, nematodes, mites

Sloat Garden Center

2700 Sloat Blvd., SF. 566-4415

327 3rd Ave., SF. 752-1614

www.sloatgardens.com/

Sellers of a variety of organic and sustainable agricultural products, including pest management solutions.

SOIL & COMPOST

American Soil

2121 San Joaquin St., Richmond (510) 292-3000

565 A Jacoby St., San Rafael. (415) 456-1381

<http://www.americansoil.com/>

Large selection of soils, including organic soil, and amendments; delivery available.

Bay Worms (formally the Berkeley Worms Composting Collective)

Alameda Point Collaborative Community Garden

Alameda. (510) 776-6210 www.apcollaborative.org

Order worm castings online or by phone.

Lyngso Materials

19 Seaport Blvd., Redwood City. (650) 364-1730

<http://www.lyngsogarden.com/>

Large selection of soils, amendments; delivery available.

Broadmoor Lumber and Landscape

1350 El Camino Real., S. SF. (415) 285-5025

Topsoil, gravel, masonry items; One cubic yard of compost for \$30, delivery available

Sloat Garden Center

2700 Sloat Blvd., SF. (415) 566-4415

327 3rd Ave., SF. (415) 752-1614

www.sloatgardens.com/

Bagged soil and amendments

Plant It Earth 661 Divisadero St., SF. (415) 626-5082

www.plantitearth.com

Bagged soil and amendments



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Flowercraft Garden Center
550 Bayshore Blvd., SF. (415) 824-1900
Bagged soil and amendments

MANURE

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

Sea Horse Ranch & Friendly Acres
Hwy. 1, Half Moon Bay. (650) 726-9903
Free; load yourself

Miwok Valley Association and Livery
701 Tennessee Valley Road, Mill Valley
(415) 383-8048 or (415) 383-6953
<http://www.miwokstables.com/>
Free; load yourself

Piedmont Stables
6525 Redwood Rd, Oakland. (510) 336-0850
Free; load yourself

Anthony Chabot Equestrian Center
14600 Skyline Blvd., Oakland. (510) 569-4428
Free; load yourself, 7days/wk. 10am - 6pm

RECYCLED LUMBER

Building Resources
701 Amador St., SF. (415) 285-7814
www.buildingresources.org/
Salvaged lumber and building materials

Caldwell's Lumber
195 Bayshore Blvd., SF. (415) 400-2629
<http://www.caldwells.com/>
Salvaged lumber

Urban Ore
900 Murray St, Berkeley (510) 841-7283
<http://urbanore.com>
All manner of recyclable materials, including lumber and building supplies

Restoration Timber
111 Rhode Island Street, Suite F, SF. (888) 651-4276
www.restorationtimber.com
High-end, professional quality salvaged timber and wood products

The Lumber Cellar
Bryant and 6th St, SF. (415) 322-9663
www.thelumbercellar.com
100% reclaimed designer lumber

SAWDUST

Try the cabinetmakers and/or lumberyards nearest you, but beware of treated woods.

California Wood Turning
1624 Kansas St., SF. (415) 642-9055
Free; call first

WOODCHIPS

Look in the Yellow Pages under Tree Services, or Arborists. Most offer free woodchips and delivery for a large truckload.
Be sure to ask what kind of wood you will be receiving and check load before it is dumped.

Urban Forest Tree Service
(415) 664-8733
Free, self-loaded wood chips

Bay View Greenwaste Management Company
1300 Carroll Ave. SF, CA (behind Candlestick park)
Free, self-loaded wood chips; hauler rentals available

Ponderosa Tree Service
(510) 845-3644
Free bulk mulch delivery; only in the Easy Bay, and the recipient must be able to use a dump truck's worth of mulch.

STRAW

Children's Day School
333 Dolores St. @ 16th St., SF. (415) 861-5432
www.cds-sf.org/
Free loose straw; has been used as animal bedding, call first.

Half Moon Bay Feed & Fuel
331 Main St., Half Moon Bay. (650) 726-4814
\$6.95 a bale.

URBANITE

Sunset Concrete
741 Joost St, SF: 415-584-9605
Providers of high-quality concrete.

FRUIT TREES

Trees of Antiquity
20 Wellsona Road, Paso Robles CA
(805) 467-9909
<http://www.treesofantiquity.com/>
Heirloom fruit tree nursery.

Bay Laurel Nursery
2500 El Camino Real, Atascadero CA
(805) 466-3449
<http://www.baylaurelnursery.com/>
Hundreds of unusual and top quality bare root fruit



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trees.

Sandy Bar Nursery
PO Box 437, Orleans CA
(530) 627-337
<http://www.sandybarnursery.com/>
Extensive fruit tree reference site.

Rain Tree Nursery
391 Butts Road, Morton WA
(800) 391-8892
<http://www.raintreenursery.com>
Fruit tree nursery that emphasizes backyard varieties.

ORGANIC SEEDS & SEEDLINGS

Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds
199 Petaluma Blvd. North Petaluma, CA, (707) 509-5171
<http://rareseeds.com/petaluma-seed-bank/>
Rare, open-pollinated, non-GMO heirloom seeds.

Flora Grubb Gardens
1634 Jerrold Ave., SF. (415) 626.7256
www.floragrubb.com
Local garden store with extensive selection of organic seeds

Flowercraft Garden Center
550 Bayshore Blvd., SF. (415) 824-1900
www.flowercraftgc.com/
Local garden store with extensive selection of organic seeds

Sloat Garden Center
2700 Sloat Blvd., SF. (415) 566-4415
327 3rd Ave., SF. (415) 752-1614
www.sloatgardens.com/
Local garden store with extensive selection of organic seeds

Plant It Earth
661 Divisadero St., SF. (415) 626-5082
www.plantitearth.com
Local garden store with extensive selection of organic seeds

Seeds of Change
P.O. Box 15700, Santa Fe, NM 87506. (888) 762-7333
www.seedsofchange.com
Over 1200 varieties of organic seeds.

Territorial Seeds
P.O. Box 158 Cottage Grove, OR 97242.
(541) 942-9547
www.territorialseed.com seed
Family-owned online seed dealer.

Peaceful Valley Farm Supply

P.O. Box 2209 Grass Valley, CA 95945. (916) 272-4769
www.groworganic.com
Extensive selection of organic fruit and vegetable seeds.

Southern Exposure Seed Exchange
P.O. Box 460, Mineral, VA 23117. (540) 894-9480
www.southernexposure.com
Non-hybrid heirloom seeds.

Berkeley Horticultural Nursery
1310 McGee Ave, Berkeley. (510) 526-4704
www.berkeleyhort.com/
Local, family-owned nursery.

Ecology Center
2530 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. (510) 548-2220
www.ecologycenter.org
Extensive garden reference organization, including tips for selecting seeds.

SEEB LIBRARIES AND EXCHANGES

BASIL (Bay Area Seed Interchange Library)
<http://www.ecologycenter.org/basil/>
basil@ecologycenter.org
Local network of concerned gardeners working to preserve seed stocks.

Lakeshore Neighborhood Plant Exchange
<http://plantexchange.wordpress.com/>
Organizes and hosts plant and seed exchanges in Oakland

Pocket Seed Library
<http://pocketseedlibrary.blogspot.com/>
Collection of people who store and share seeds in SF

NATIVE PLANTS

California Native Plant Society
(415) 863-3749
www.cnps.org
non-profit organization dedicated to the appreciation and conservation of California native plants

Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council (HANC)
Recycling Center at Arguello and Frederick
Greg Gaar (415) 752-5983
www.hanc-sf.org
Neighborhood group with an avowedly ecological bent.

SF Rec. & Park Natural Areas Program
(415) 753-7268
sfnap.org/
Restores and enhances remnant natural areas and to develops and supports community-based stewardship of these areas.

Strybing Arboretum Plant Sales



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(415) 661-1514, call for dates
Monthly sales of rare native plants.

Cole Hardware
956 Cole St., SF. (415) 753-2653
www.colehardware.com

Cole Hardware is a partner of the Garden for the Environment! Proceeds of purchases help fund the garden.

Yerba Buena Nursery
19500 Skyline Blvd., Woodside. (650) 851-1668
Bay Area native plant nurseru

Larner Seed Co.
P O Box 407, 235 Fern Road, Bolinas CA 94924, (415) 868-9407
California native wildflowers, grass, trees and shrubs in packets.
info@larnerseeds.com

TREES

Friends of the Urban Forest (FUF)
Presidio of SF, P.O. Box 456. (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

Sonoma's Antique Apples
4395 Westside Rd., Healdsburg. (707) 433-6420
Fruit trees

WHERE TO TAKE YARD WASTE

SF Recycling & Disposal
501 Tunnel Ave. (Candlestick exit off 101). (415) 468-2442
The minimum charge is \$26, plus additional by weight.

Bayview Greenwaste
1300 Carrol Ave. (650) 222-0174
bayviewgreenwaste.com/
No minimum charge.

IRRIGATION

Urban Farmer Store
2833 Vicente @ 40th Ave., SF.
(415) 661-2204 or (800) 753-3747
<http://www.urbanfarmerstore.com/>
Efficient irrigation and landscape lighting products and services.

BEE & WASP REMOVAL

S.F. Beekeepers Association

Monthly meetings at the Randall Jr. Museum, 199 Museum Way, each 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm
www.sfbee.org

Philip Gerrie
(415) 641-7457
Honeybee swarm removal

Roger Meier
Mint Hill Apiary
(415) 290-7405
Honeybee swarm removal

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

A Bee Service
(650) 343-6343
Live wasp and bee removal

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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Harmony Farm Supply and Nursery
P.O. Box 460, Graton, CA 95444. (707) 823-9125
<http://www.harmonyfarm.com/>
From biological pest control to drip-irrigation to solar powered living, Harmony Farm Supply has what you need to be the best land steward that you can

Peaceful Valley Farm Supply
P.O. Box 2209, Grass Valley, CA 95945. (916) 272-4769
www.groworganic.com
Extensive garden supply store.

Garden Supply
4730 El Camino, Los Altos, CA 94024. (650) 948-2218
<http://www.gardensupplybayarea.com/>
Three Bay Area locations.

TOOL RENTALS

Action Rentals
565 S. Van Ness, SF. (415) 826-1830
Rents a variety of gardening and garden improvement tools.

Big 4 Rents
435 S. Van Ness, SF. (415) 865-4444
Rents wheelbarrows, weed whackers, etc.



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Bayview Hardware
6114 Geary Blvd., SF. (415) 221-4764
Rents hand tools, drills, saws

Toolmaster, Inc.
1630 Howard St., SF. (415) 861-5000
Rents weed whackers, saws, etc.

EDUCATION & COMMUNITY GARDENING GROUPS

Pam Peirce's Blog
Pam Peirce is the author of Golden Gate Gardening; a complete guide to year-round food gardening in the San Francisco Bay Area. Visit her BLOG for gardening tips and inspiration at:
www.goldengategarden.typepad.com/

plantSF
337 Shotwell St, SF. (415) 431-2777
www.plantSF.org
Local permeable landscaping organization.

The Garden Project
(650) 588-8253
www.gardenproject.org/
Provides job training and supports to former offenders through counseling and assistance in continuing education

California Native Plant Society
Yerba Buena Chapter, (916) 447-2677
<http://www.cnps-yerbabuena.org/>
Goals are to increase understanding of California's native flora and to preserve this rich natural heritage for future generations.

Crissy Field Center
603 Mason at Halleck, Presidio
PO Box 29410, SF, CA 94129. (415) 561-7690
<http://www.parksconservancy.org/our-work/crissy/>
Crissy Field programs encourage new generations to become bold leaders for thriving parks.

CUESA Center for Urban Education about Sustainable Agriculture
www.cuesa.org
Promotes a sustainable food system through the operation of the Ferry Plaza Farmers Market and its educational programs.

Edible Schoolyard
Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School
1781 Rose Street, Berkeley. (510) 558-1335
www.edibleschoolyard.org
One-acre organic garden and kitchen classroom for urban public school students at Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School in Berkeley.

Biodynamic Farming & Gardening Association
(541) 998-0105
www.biodynamics.com

Non-profit organization formed to foster knowledge of biodynamic methods of agriculture, horticulture and forestry.

UCSC Agroecology Program
1156 High St. Santa Cruz 95064. (831) 459-2321
<http://casfs.ucsc.edu/>
Research, education, and public service program at the University of California, Santa Cruz, dedicated to increasing ecological sustainability and social justice in the food and agriculture system.

Ecology Center
2530 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. (510) 548-2220
www.ecologycenter.org
The ecology center provides the public with reliable information, tools, hands-on training, referrals, strategies, infrastructure, and models for sustainable living.

Berkeley Youth Alternatives
1255 Allston Way, Berkeley. (510) 845-9010
www.byonline.org
Mission is to help children, youth, and their families address issues and problems via Prevention by reaching youth before their problems become crisis, and via Intervention through the provision of support services to youth entangled in the juvenile justice system.

Planet Drum Foundation's Green City Project
(415) 285-6556
www.planetdrum.org

Occidental Arts & Ecology Center
15290 Coleman Valley Rd., Occidental.
(707) 874-1557
www.oaec.org
Much of the Center's work addresses the challenges of creating democratic communities that are ecologically, economically and culturally sustainable in an increasingly privatized and corporatized economy and culture.

Green Gulch Farm
1601 Shoreline Highway, Muir Beach CA.
(425) 383-3134
www.sfzc.org
Buddhist practice center in the Japanese Soto Zen tradition offering training in Zen meditation and ordinary work.

Mycological Society of San Francisco
c/o The Randall Museum, 199 Museum Way, SF, CA 94114. (415) 759-0495



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www.mssf.org

Promotes the understanding and enjoyment of mushrooms and other fungi.

Slide Ranch

2025 Shoreline Highway, Muir Beach. (415) 381-6155

www.slideranch.org

Slide Ranch connects visitors with the natural world and teaches kids about their interdependence with the environment.

The Trust for Public Land

(415) 495-4014

www.tpl.org

A land conservation and open space resource for landowners, government agencies and community groups interested in protecting land for human enjoyment.

ACGA (American Community Gardening Association)

100 N. 20th St., 5th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103

<http://www.communitygarden.org/>

The ACGA is an organization of professionals, volunteers and supporters of community greening in urban and rural communities.

Regenerative Design Institute

PO Box 923, (415) 868-9681

www.regenerativedesign.org/

Non-profit educational organization with the vision that all people can live in a mutually enhancing relationship with the earth.

The Free Farm Stand

<http://freefarmstand.org/about/>

Gathers and distributes SF-grown produce and gives it away for free to low-income families in the Mission.

Urban Permaculture Guild

<http://www.urbanpermacultureguild.org>

(510) 547-7889

Urban Permaculture Guild educates and inspires communities and individuals to creatively transform how they live and the urban places where they live.

COMMUNITY GARDENS

In San Francisco: <http://www.sfgro.org/sfgardens.php>

In Oakland:

http://www.oaklandnet.com/parks/programs/communitygardening_locations.asp

In San Mateo: [http://www.getthehealthysmc.org/30-](http://www.getthehealthysmc.org/30-Gardens-and-Sustainable-Agriculture.aspx)

[Gardens-and-Sustainable-Agriculture.aspx](http://www.getthehealthysmc.org/30-Gardens-and-Sustainable-Agriculture.aspx)

URBAN AGRICULTURE

Aleman Farm

<http://www.alemanyfarm.org/>

community.gardeners@gmail.com

Friends of Alemany Farm grows food security and educates local residents about how they can become their own food producers. We strive to increase ecological knowledge and habitat value, and to sow the seeds for economic and environmental justice.

Hayes Valley Farm

450 Laguna Street (at Fell), SF

<http://www.hayesvalleyfarm.com/>

Hayes Valley Farm's mission is to serve as a community and agricultural hub encouraging San Francisco residents to connect with one another, grow their own food, and learn about sustainable ecological systems.

Little City Gardens

littlecitygardens@gmail.com

<http://www.littlecitygardens.com/>

Little City Gardens is a small urban farming business in San Francisco, CA, that grows, sells and distributes healthy food within the city. As we work, we are developing, as well as analyzing, the potential for economic viability in the field of urban farming.

San Francisco Urban Agriculture 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.

SCHOOL GARDENS

In San Francisco: <http://sfgreenschools.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/01/sfmap-FLAT.jpg>

In San Mateo County:

<http://www.batchgeo.com/map/a3967269c0dfaec6a1daa95643129cfb>

In Alameda County:

[http://maps.google.com/maps/ms?ie=UTF8&hl=en&oe=UTF8&msa=0&msid=114764436496251130837.000470cd3e107e35dd11c&ll=37.810326,-](http://maps.google.com/maps/ms?ie=UTF8&hl=en&oe=UTF8&msa=0&msid=114764436496251130837.000470cd3e107e35dd11c&ll=37.810326,-122.095184&spn=0.281005,0.54657&iwloc=000470cd4966f30a3acb8&output=embed%22%3E%3C/iframe%3E%3Cbr)

[122.095184&spn=0.281005,0.54657&iwloc=000470cd4966f30a3acb8&output=embed%22%3E%3C/iframe%3E%3Cbr](http://maps.google.com/maps/ms?ie=UTF8&hl=en&oe=UTF8&msa=0&msid=114764436496251130837.000470cd3e107e35dd11c&ll=37.810326,-122.095184&spn=0.281005,0.54657&iwloc=000470cd4966f30a3acb8&output=embed%22%3E%3C/iframe%3E%3Cbr)

Pie Ranch

2080 Cabrillo Highway, Pescadero CA; (650) 879 0995

<http://www.pieranch.org/>

We are a farming community, and our sustainable farming practices emphasize soil fertility, biological diversity, growing for local markets, and creating a relationship-based food system.



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Urban Sprouts

451 Hayes St., 2nd Fl, SF. (415) 287-0722

<http://www.urbansprouts.org>

Growing healthy schools and communities through garden-based education.

San Francisco Green Schoolyard Alliance

<http://sfgreenschools.org>

The SFGSA provides effective and exciting professional development for school garden communities seeking practical information about managing and teaching in an outdoor classroom.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE GROUPS

Literacy for Environmental Justice

1329 Evans Ave., SF. (415) 282-6840

www.lejyouth.org

LEJ addresses the ecological and health concerns of Bayview Hunters Point and the surrounding communities of southeast San Francisco.

People's Grocery

909 7th Street, Oakland. (510) 652-7607

www.peoplesgrocery.org

Committed to solving the community food and health needs of West Oakland, California.

Phat Beets Produce

info@phatbeetsproduce.org

<http://www.phatbeetsproduce.org/>

As a collective, Phat Beets strives to support social businesses and small farmers and farmers of color.

Produce to the People

(415) 828 9773

producetothepeople@gmail.com

Non-profit organization in San Francisco dedicated to aiding the food security and health of our community through garden and food education, the creation of green jobs for youth, and the growth, harvest, and dispersal of organic backyard and community produce.

PUEBLO - People United for a Better Life in Oakland

3528 Foothill Blvd., Oakland. (510) 535-2525

www.peopleunited.org

Advocates for the needs of low-income residents of Oakland, most of them people of color, by grassroots organizing, offering leadership training and initiating policy reform.

Rooted in Community

6220 Third Street, SF. (415) 508-0575

www.rootedincommunity.org/

Committed to fostering healthy communities and food justice through urban and rural agriculture, community gardening, food security, and related environmental

justice work.

CEH - Center for Environmental Health

2201 Broadway, Suite 302, Oakland. (510) 655-3900

www.ceh.org

The Center for Environmental Health protects children and families by reducing the industrial use of toxic chemicals.

GreenAction

703 Market St, Suite 501, SF. (415) 248-5600

www.greenaction.org

Mobilizes community power to win victories that change government and corporate policies and practices to protect health and to promote environmental justice.

Urban Habitat

436 - 14 th Street, Suite 1205, Oakland, CA 94612-2723

(510) 839-9510, info@urbanhabitat.org

www.urbanhabitat.org

Builds power in low-income communities and communities of color by combining education, advocacy, research and coalition building to advance environmental, economic and social justice in the Bay Area.

HORTICULTURAL GROUPS

Strybing Arboretum

9th Ave. at Lincoln Way in Golden Gate Park

Open daily, 365 days a year, and free to the public.

Weekdays: 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

Weekends & Holidays: 10 am to 5 pm.

<http://www.sfbotanicalgarden.org/>

U.C. Berkeley Botanical Garden

200 Centennial Drive #5045 Berkeley. (510) 643-2755

botanicalgarden.berkeley.edu

34 acre garden featuring 13000 plant species worldwide - famous for its rare and endangered species.

San Francisco Garden Club

(415) 771-0282

www.sanfranciscogardenclub.com

The club's purposes are to aid and benefit horticultural activities, beautify the City of San Francisco, and to preserve scenic and historic points of interest.

San Francisco Flower & Garden Show, Inc.

(415) 684-7278

www.sfgardenshow.com

Huge, world-class garden exposition.

California Horticultural Society

(925) 831-9499

www.calhortsociety.org

An educational non-profit organization dedicated to



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www.begonias.org

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BEEKEEPING

The Beekeeper's Handbook
Diana Sammataro & Alphonse
Avitabile, Cornell University
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The Backyard Beekeeper: An
Absolute Beginner's Guide to
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Alan Toogood, DK Adult, 1999

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Keep Chickens! Tending Small
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Michael Phillips, Chelsea Green,
2005

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Rainwater Harvesting for
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Principles to Welcome Rain into
Your Life And Landscape
Brad Lancaster, Rainsource
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The New Create an Oasis with
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