Just Garden Application Form - House of Worship

Seattle Tilth inspires and educates people to safeguard our natural resources while building an equitable and sustainable local food system.

The purpose of our Food and Faith Initiative is to provide support for faith based organizations who would like to grow food to support those in need. We offer information about how to incorporate food gardening into existing ministries, education and training for faith groups.

**Gardeners Receive:**
- One to three 4'x8'x10" raised beds filled with high-organic-content soil.
- Free vegetable starts.
- Free seeds (you can also buy more seeds and starts with food stamps).
- Free pint of fish emulsion, (a concentrated, high-nitrogen liquid organic fertilizer).
- Free copy of Seattle Tilth’s *Maritime Northwest Gardening Guide*.
- Three workshops on organic gardening.
- Quarterly gardener gatherings with workshops, potlucks and garden exchanges.

Please fill out this form in its entirety.

**What is the name of your faith community?**

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**Where is your house of worship located?**
Address: _______________________________________
City/State/Zip: ________________________________

**Will your garden be located at the house of worship?**
☐ Yes  ☐ No
If not, where will it be located?
Address: _______________________________________
City/State/Zip: ________________________________

**What is your average weekly attendance?**

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**Faith Tradition:**
- ☐ Buddhist
- ☐ Christian
- ☐ Hindu
- ☐ Interfaith
- ☐ Jehovah’s Witnesses
- ☐ Jewish
- ☐ Latter-Day Saints
- ☐ Muslim
- ☐ Sikh
- ☐ Unitarian Universalist
- ☐ Other: ________________________________

**Primary Point of Contact**
Name: ________________________________
Phone: ________________________________
Email Address: ________________________________
Role in Faith Community: ________________________________

**Head Faith Leader**
Name: ________________________________
Title: ________________________________
Phone: ________________________________
Email Address: ________________________________

**Is there anything you'd like to tell us about your congregation?** (Is food justice a priority for you? Do you have other food-related activities? Anything else we should know?)
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Does your faith community already have an active garden space?

☐ Yes.
☐ No.

Have you identified a volunteer garden manager?

☐ Yes.
☐ Not yet.

By name, list at least ten community members willing to contribute hours to garden maintenance and harvest on a weekly basis.

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In general, the people interested in gardening have the following gardening experience:
(0 = no experience, 10 = master gardener)

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Is your faith community already supporting a feeding program or food bank?

☐ Yes.
☐ No.

If so, what program(s)?

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How do you hope to use the produce from your garden?

☐ Give it to a local food bank or feeding program.
☐ Use it in our own feeding program or food bank.
☐ Give it to members of our own congregation, or use it for communal meals.
☐ Use it in our liturgy/worship (i.e., wheat and grapes for Shabbat or Communion bread and wine).
☐ We don’t know yet, please help us develop our vision!
☐ Something else entirely! (Please Describe)

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Describe your plan to keep the garden maintained, harvest the produce, and transport it to your clients.

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For low-income individuals, we ask for a small financial contribution based on income, but the true cost to Seattle Tilth is between $500-700 per bed.

In the case of houses of worship, by accepting a garden from Just Garden, you are agreeing to be a part of Seattle Tilth’s Food and Faith Network. (Please see attached documents regarding membership) What level of membership would your congregation be interested in?

☐ Affiliate (We cannot record our data at this time but want to say in the loop!)
☐ Radish
☐ Beet
☐ Tomato
☐ Pumpkin
What are the most important holidays in your faith tradition? What role does food play in the celebration of those holidays? What sorts of food might you grow to add to these celebrations?

How many beds do you want (and have the space to accommodate)?

- One (1) Raised Bed
- Two (2) Raised Beds
- Three (3) Raised Beds
- Other:

In the late harvest season and into the winter, Just Garden conducts an annual "Garden Drive" in which congregations might conduct a one-time request for a "free will" offering of their membership to build gardens for low-income families in King County. Often this occurs during an annual canned food drive. Would your community consider participating in the Garden Drive?

- Yes, we would be delighted to participate.
- No, we cannot commit to participating.

(Youth Minister/Official): Just Garden needs more than 100 volunteers for each of its garden building events. Would your youth group be interested in participating?

- Yes, we would be delighted to participate, please contact me!
- No, we cannot commit to participating.

If yes, what is the name and contact info of your youth minister/official?

How might the garden play a role in your weekly worship services?

Is anyone in your congregation in a wheelchair, or otherwise in need of higher-than-average garden beds? (We can build 20-inch tall garden beds for those who have trouble kneeling or bending down. They are twice as high with wood posts to support the weight of additional soil. They are, accordingly, twice the cost to you.)

- Yes, we need ADA-compliant garden beds and are willing to pay the additional cost.
- No, we do not need ADA-compliant beds.
To the best of your knowledge, please provide demographic information for members of your community that will be benefiting from the garden.
(Just Garden must report this information to funders. This information will not be used to determine eligibility. All percentages must add up to 100%).

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How did you hear about Just Garden?

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Race                  | Percentage |
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American Indian or Alaska Native | %          |
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Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander | %         |
Middle Eastern         | %          |
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White                  | %          |
Multi-Racial           | %          |
Other: ________________ | %          |

Latina/o / Hispanic Identity | Percentage |
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Does Not Identify Latina/o / Hispanic | %         |

Is there anything else you would like to share with us?

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Name and Signature          Date

Thank you for applying for a garden with Just Garden!

Please mail to: Just Garden
c/o Seattle Tilth
4649 Sunnyside Ave N, Ste 100
Seattle, WA 98103

Or scan and send to: justgarden@seattletilth.org.

We receive many applications and do our best to fulfill each one. However, for logistical reasons we must group our garden building events geographically and can only build in four areas per year. If we don't build with you this year, we won't forget you. Every spring we go back through our list and try to group our garden building events based on where we have the most outstanding applications. Encouraging your neighbors to apply will increase your chances of a garden building event in your area.

If at any point your contact information changes, please let us know.

If you have any questions please call (206) 633-0451 ext. 116 or e-mail justgarden@seattletilth.org