Register for Classes

To register for classes with Tilth Alliance and browse full class descriptions, please visit our website at tilthalliance.org or call us at (206) 633-0451. Advance payment and registration required.

Reduced Price Tickets

Tilth Alliance strives to educate everyone, regardless of their financial means. All classes include a limited number of reduced price tickets for those with financial need.

Tilth Alliance members and donors also receive a discount on classes — make your gift online today!

Class Locations

Bradner Gardens Park (BGP)
1730 Bradner Place S, Seattle 98144

Good Shepherd Center (GSC)
4649 Sunnyside Ave N, Seattle 98103

McAuliffe Park (MP)
10824 NE 116th St, Kirkland 98034

Rainier Beach Urban Farm & Wetlands (RBUFW)
5513 S Cloverdale St, Seattle 98118

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4649 Sunnyside Ave N Ste 100, Seattle WA 98103

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Thu. & Sat., Apr. 18 & 20, MP
Reduced: $50, Regular: $95, Full: $110

Container Gardening 101
Not sure you have enough space for a garden? You don’t need a yard to grow your own food! Be creative with container gardening and you can grow greens, herbs, blueberries, and even hot peppers.
Tue., Apr. 23; 6-8 p.m., GSC
Reduced: $25, Regular: $45, Full: $55

Grow Great Tomatoes
Get ready to grow tasty and nutritious tomatoes, peppers and other heat-loving crops! Fresh tomatoes and peppers are some of the most delicious vegetables, but they can be tricky to grow in our cool summers. This class will teach you how to get a successful harvest from these warm weather crops whether we are having a typical moderate northwest summer or an atypical warm summer at 90 degrees.
Tue., May 14; 6:30-8:30 p.m., GSC
Reduced: $25, Regular: $45, Full: $55
May

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Thu., May 16; 6:30-8:30 p.m., MP
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**NEW! Grow Vertical**
Grow beans, peas, tomatoes and even squash vertically! Trellising plants to keep them off the ground makes them healthy, simplifies harvesting and adds a unique dimension to your garden design. Learn about growing food vertically and then practice building trellises!
Tue., May 21; 6:30-8:30 p.m., RBUFW
Reduced: $25, Regular: $45, Full: $55

**Drip Irrigation for the Home Gardener**
Learn how easy it is to water your garden with resource-efficient drip irrigation! Even though our Pacific Northwest maritime climate is known for rain, during the dry summer we still need to water food crops, thirsty ornamentals and container gardens.
Thu., May 23; 6:30-8:30 p.m., GSC
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Thu. & Sat., May 30 & June 1, GSC
Reduced: $50, Regular: $95, Full: $110

June

**NEW! Culinary Herbs in the Garden**
It’s easy to grow a variety of herbs in containers or garden beds for easy harvesting! Come see, feel, smell and taste a variety of herbs that grow well in the Pacific Northwest. Leave class with everything you need to know to create or update your own herb garden.
Sat., June 8; 10 a.m.-1 p.m., GSC
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Tue., June 11; 6:30-8:30 p.m., RBUFW
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Thu., June 13; 6:30-8:30 p.m., BGP
Reduced: $25, Regular: $45, Full: $55

**Make Homemade Pickles**
Preserve the harvest and add excitement to your table with homemade pickles! Join us for this class to learn how to make pickles beyond your garden variety cucumber dills.
Thu., June 27; 6:30-8:30 p.m., RBUFW
Reduced: $35, Regular: $55, Full: $65

July

**Basic Canning 101**
Enjoy your summer harvest all winter long! Learn what you need to know to start safely canning fresh food at home. You’ll leave with the skills you need to can jams, tomatoes, chutneys, quick pickles and more.
Thu., July 11; 6:30-8:30 p.m., RBUFW
Reduced: $35, Regular: $55, Full: $65

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Intro to Permaculture

Go beyond organic gardening by learning the basics of permaculture to create a more holistic and sustainable garden. Learn how to use “systems thinking” to create efficient and abundant gardens that integrate human needs with the natural ecosystem.

Sat., July 13; 10 a.m.-1 p.m., MP
Reduced: $35, Regular: $55, Full: $65

Start Your Fall and Winter Garden

Mid-summer is the perfect time to start planning your fall and winter garden so that you can keep eating fresh vegetables all year. It’s important to get seeds and starts in the garden early enough to allow them growth while the sun is still shining. A little planning and effort now will pay off deliciously during the dark days of winter!

Tue., July 16; 6:30-8:30 p.m., GSC
Reduced: $25, Regular: $45, Full: $55

August

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Sat., Aug. 3; 10 a.m.-noon, RBUFW
Reduced: $35, Regular: $55, Full: $65

Intro to Fermentation

Create delicious, healthy probiotic foods and extend your garden’s bounty with fermentation. fermented foods can help you absorb more nutrients, support your immune system and add homemade flair to your everyday meals. Find out how easy it is to make your meals more delicious, nutritious and unique with homemade fermented foods!

Sat., Aug. 3; 2-4 p.m., RBUFW
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Sat., Aug. 17; 6:30-8:30 p.m., GSC
Reduced: $25, Regular: $45, Full: $55

September

Comprehensive Organic Gardening  INTENSIVE

Ready to dig deeper into organic gardening? Learn everything you need to know to create a bountiful urban garden in this complete introduction to the dynamic world of organic gardening. This intensive and fun program, totaling 23 hours of instruction, emphasizes experiential, hands-on learning over the course of four weeknight lectures and three weekend hands-on sessions.

Tuesdays & Saturdays, Sep. 10-Oct. 1, GSC
Reduced: $200, Regular: $335, Full: $385

Put Your Garden to Bed

Protect your garden beds over the winter and prepare for next year by improving your soil. Soil building is an important component of organic gardening and the fall and winter are perfect times to add organic matter that will feed your plants throughout the year.

Sat., Sep. 14; 10 a.m.-noon, RBUFW
Reduced: $25, Regular: $45, Full: $55

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**October**

**NEW! Intro to Seed Saving**
Learn how to save seeds from your favorite crops and have enough to share with other gardeners! We’ll cover the reproduction details of common crops, have fun threshing and winnowing seeds, and send you home with locally saved seeds to grow next year.

*Sat., Oct. 5; 10 a.m.-noon, GSC*
Reduced: $25, Regular: $45, Full: $55

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Reduced: $25, Regular: $45, Full: $55

**Botany for Gardeners**
Optimize your garden by learning the science behind how plants grow! By understanding the structure of plants and how they function, you can provide a better environment for them to grow and produce to their full potential.

*Sat., Oct. 12; 10 a.m.-noon, RBUFW*
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Reduced: $25, Regular: $45, Full: $55

**Plant Propagation for Beginners**
Multiply your garden! Learn how to create new plants from seeds, cuttings and divisions in this hands-on workshop. You will become familiar with the way plants reproduce themselves, and will feel confident in your ability to create a vibrant garden through plant propagation.

*Sat., Oct. 12; 1-3 p.m., RBUFW*
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*Sat., Oct. 19; 10 a.m.-1 p.m., RBUFW*
Reduced: $35, Regular: $55, Full: $65

**Teacher Trainings**
Get inspired and prepared to launch a dynamic and engaging garden program for your school, church, child-care facility or community, or learn new techniques to apply to an established program. Treat yourself to a learning opportunity!

This year we will be offering Garden Educator Workshops on Saturdays throughout the fall. Pick and choose from workshop topics that appeal to you, or receive a class discount and take the whole series.

**Dates will be announced in spring of 2019.**
Summer Farm and Garden Camps

Kids explore the world of insects, soil and plants while learning to tend a garden and grow food! Sign up for multiple camps and build upon the learning and fun. Extended day available for weeklong camps.

**Cooking Camps**

Calling all aspiring chefs! These weeklong cooking camps are a great way to have summer fun while learning all about food from seed to fork. Spend five days developing cooking skills, trying new recipes, and exploring all of the delicious flavors from Rainier Beach Urban Farm and Wetlands. (All cooking camps held at RBUFW.)

**Design Your Own Dish** — (9-13 yr. olds) July 15-19  
**Cooking Science** — (9-13 yr. olds) July 22-26  
**Farm Chefs** — (9-13 yr. olds) Aug. 5-9  
**Farm Chefs** — (6-8 yr. olds) Aug. 19-23  
**Cooking Around the World** — (6-10 yr. olds) Aug. 12-16

*Reduced: $275, Regular: $350, Full: $400*

**1-2 Year Olds**

Share the fun and excitement of gardening with your toddler! In these hands-on, interactive camps, we explore the garden the way the little ones do best: looking for bugs, planting seeds, digging with real tools and tasting delicious plants and vegetables. Parents garden and learn with their children, guided by Tilth Alliance staff. Snack included.

**Fun with Flowers** — Wed., June 19, GSC  
**Pollinator Party** — Wed., July 31, GSC  
**Growing Yoga** — Wed., Aug. 28, GSC

*One child + adult: $25*

**3-5 Year Olds**

Explore the garden in these 2-day camps for parents and preschoolers. Enjoy time together outdoors while learning about insects, plants and flowers. Parents can also learn about child-friendly herbs and veggies, and how to grow an organic garden with the whole family. Includes hands-on gardening, an art project, stories, our famous sun tea and yummy snacks!

**Fantastic Farmers** — June 20-21, GSC  
**Fantastic Farmers** — July 1-2, RBUFW  
**BFF: Bug Friends Forever** — July 29-30, RBUFW  
**BFF: Bug Friends Forever** — Aug. 1-2, GSC  
**Roots & Shoots** — Aug. 26-27, RBUFW  
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*One child + adult: $50*

**6-10 Year Olds**

These weeklong day camps are a great way to have summer fun while learning about the garden. Spend five days developing garden skills, exploring plans and discovering animals that live in the garden. Learn about insects, vegetables, soil and worms, while playing games, making art, reading stories, singing songs and running through the sprinklers. Campers bring their own snack and lunch. Children are entering grades 1-4 in fall 2019.

**Creative G’ART-ening** — June 24-28, GSC  
**Farm Field Science** — July 8-12, RBUFW  
**Garden Field Science** — July 15-19, GSC  
**Grow a Farm Stand** — July 22-26, RBUFW  
**Grow a Farm Stand** — July 29-Aug. 2, GSC  
**Innovation Station** — Aug. 5-9, RBUFW  
**Innovation Station** — Aug. 12-16, GSC  
**Creative G’ART-ening** — Aug. 19-23, RBUFW  
**Grow a Farm Stand** — Aug. 26-30, RBUFW

*Reduced: $225, Regular: $300, Full: $350*

**Junior Counselors**

If your teens or preteens love gardening and working with younger children, this is for them! Junior counselors help set-up and clean-up garden activities, assist camp staff, lead small group activities and learn more about organic gardening. Weeklong placements offer all the fun of summer camp with the opportunity to develop leadership skills. Leadership training and orientation provided.

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**Sliding Scale and Scholarships for Camps!**

All summer camps include a limited number of sliding scale, reduced price tickets. Additional scholarship assistance is available by application. Find out more on our website: tilthalliance.org.
Learn

Gardening
Learn how to grow food with Tilth Alliance! From adult classes to kids camps and school tours, we teach people of all ages how to grow food using healthy, organic practices.

Environment
Gain expertise in composting and sustainability — then teach others! Join volunteer and outreach training programs in Seattle and King County, or participate in environmental restoration projects.

Cooking & Nutrition
People cook and share meals using nourishing locally grown ingredients in community dinners, youth cooking clubs and senior meal programs.

Farming
With Farm Walks, workshops and an annual conference, we offer farmer-to-farmer education around Washington State.

Get involved!

Ask the Garden Hotline
Ask us your garden questions! The Garden Hotline offers individualized solutions to your garden problems. Call (206) 633-0224 or email help@gardenhotline.org

Volunteer
Gain skills while giving back to the community when you join over 1,200 other volunteers in our gardens, farms, events, classes, camps and office!

Find Local Farms, Markets and Products
Discover what’s in season and where to get it with our guide to local farms, produce and products, the Farm Guide. Visit farm-guide.org or pick up a printed copy.

Support
All gifts are welcome and appreciated! Members receive discounts on classes, invitations to exclusive member events and a vote for our board of directors.

Learn more online:
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