

# GreenNet CHICAGO Chicago's Greening

# GreenPages

**A Guide to Resources for  
Chicago's Community Gardeners**



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### How to use this guide..

The GreenPages are a guide to resources for community gardeners in and around Chicago. GreenNet knows that the needs of a community garden are different than those of a home gardener. Material is needed in larger quantities and tools and furniture need to be able to stand up to heavy use.

*The Index of Services* lists what urban gardeners need. From permits to trainings to compost, it's in here!

*Service Provider Descriptions* give contact information and a brief description for each vendor or organization and note if those materials are provided through a government agency, a non-profit or a commercial company.

We would like your comments and additions to this guide so feel free to contact GreenNet at the address or e-mail on the cover to provide updates and other services you would like to see listed. Good luck with those gardens!

## GreenNet is....

**A coalition of non-profit organization and public agencies committed to: sharing information and resources; serving as a clearinghouse for information about greening in Chicago; and developing joint efforts to improve the quality, amount, use, and wide geographic distribution of sustainable, green open space in the City of Chicago.**

## GreenNet.....

- Provides opportunities for its members and their constituencies to exchange ideas and pool resources on a regular basis.
- Increases public awareness of and participation in community greening and in environmentally sound management of urban open space
- Creates joint advocacy partnership among member organizations
- Fosters public forums for appropriate relevant issues.

Started in December 1995, this professional network meets quarterly on a rotating basis at member organization sites. Members share information and professional development seminars.



## Index of Services

### Art

*Local Non-Profit Organizations:* Archi-treasures, Chicago Public Art Group  
*City of Chicago:* MOWD- Gallery 37

### Benches and Other Garden Architecture

*City of Chicago:* Department of Environment—Greencorps  
*Commercial:* Bricks Inc., Doty and Sons, Mortise and Tenon Fine Carpentry, MTI Landscaping, Rebuilding Exchange, SmallScapes, Wabash Valley

### Bicycle Trails, Information and Racks

*Local Non-Profit Orgs:* Chicagoland Bicycle Federation, Friends of the Parks  
*City of Chicago:* Department of Transportation  
*Other Governmental Agencies:* Chicago Park District

### Classes, Education, Workshops

*Local Non-Profit Organizations:* Angelic Organics Learning Center, Chicago Botanic Garden, Friends of the Parks, Garfield Park Conservatory Alliance, Growing Power, Nature Conservancy (Illinois Chapter), Openlands, University of Illinois Extension Program

*National Non-Profits:* American Community Gardening Association

*Local Collaboratives and Coalitions:* Chicago Wilderness, GreenNet, Green Teacher Network

*City of Chicago:* Department of the Environment-Greencorps & Chicago Center for Green Technology

*Other Governmental Agencies:* Chicago Park District– North Park Village Nature Center

### Community and School Garden Information and Organizing

*Local Non-Profit Organizations:* Chicago Botanic Garden, Garfield Park Conservatory Alliance, Growing Home, Growing Power, NeighborSpace, Openlands

*Local Collaboratives and Coalitions:* GreenNet, Green Teacher Network

*National Non-Profit Organizations:* American Community Gardening Association, National Gardening Association

*City of Chicago:* Department of Environment – Greencorps, Chicago Public Library-Nature Connections, Kilbourn Park Organic Greenhouse

### Compost, Fertilizer and Manure

*City of Chicago:* Department of Environment Natural Resources and Water Quality “Compost Bin Rebate Form,” and the Department’s list of retailers, Park District/Chicago Police Department– Mounted Patrol Unit Stables

*Local Non-Profit Orgs:* Chicago Recycling Coalition, Garfield Park Conservatory Alliance, Growing Power, \*Univ. of Illinois Extension-Manure



Share

*Commercial:* E-Z Tree Recycling, Noble Horse, Ramirez Trucking, Markets- Farmers and Community, Green Generations, Carlin Horticultural Supplies, CityEscape, EZ Tree, Feed Store, Grand Street Gardens, Hummert International, Lake Street Landscape Supply, Midwest Enterprises, Orland Soil, Ramirez Compost, Shemin Nurseries, Sid's Greenhouse, Town and Country, Underwood, White Premium Organics

### **Digging Permits and Surveys**

*City of Chicago:* Department of Transportation— Digger (in Chicago), Permits Department, Department of Streets and Sanitation—Bureau of Forestry (parkway digging)

*Other Governmental Agencies:* J.U.L.I.E. (in Suburbs)

### **Fences**

*City of Chicago:* Department of Buildings (permits),  
*Commercial:* American Home Fence, The Fence Store, Midwest Fencing, Surplus Supplies Center, Weld One, Home/Garden Centers

### **Funding**

*Local Non-Profit Organizations:* Friends of the Chicago River, Friends of the Parks, Openlands

*Local Collaboratives and Coalitions:* GreenNet

*National Non-Profit Organizations:* National Gardening Association, Oppenheimer Foundation, Steans Family Foundation

*City of Chicago:* Department of the Environment – Greencorps Chicago

*Other Governmental Agencies:* Urban Resources Partnership, USDA

### **Land: Ownership and Community Garden Locations**

*Local Non-Profit Organizations:* NeighborSpace, Openlands

*National Non-Profit Organizations:* Land Trust Alliance, Trust for Public Land

*City of Chicago:* Department of Housing and Economic Development, Cook County Recorder of Deeds

### **Legal Assistance**

*Local Non-Profit Organizations:* Community Economic Development Law Project, Environmental Law and Policy Center

### **Markets— Farmers and Community**

*Local Non-Profit Orgs:* Evanston Farmers' Market, Green City Market, Oak Park Farmers' Market, Logan Square, City of Chicago Dept of Cultural Affairs

### **Median Planting, Boulevard & Parkway Trees**

*City of Chicago:* Department of Streets and Sanitation-Bureau of Forestry, Department of Transportation

### **Mulch and Wood Chips**

*City of Chicago:* Department of Environment-Greencorps Chicago, Department of Streets and Sanitation – Bureau of Forestry



*Commercial:* Blommer Chocolate Factory, E-Z Tree Recycling, Lake Street Landscape Supply, White Premium Organics

### **Plants**

*Local Non-Profit Organizations:* Chicago Botanic Garden's May sale, Morton Arboretum's Arbor Day Plant Sale, Openlands' Great Perennial Divide and Plant Giveaway Days

*City of Chicago:* Department of the Environment – GreenCorps, Chicago Park District- Kilbourn Park' s annual plant sale in May

*Commercial:* Ball Seed, Bella, Beaver Creek, Bork Nurseries, City Escape, Elite Growers, Fiore, Gethsemane Garden Center, Good Earth Greenhouse, Grand St. Gardens, HOFFIE Nursery, Intrinsic Gardens, Ion Exchange, Kankakee Nursery Co., McAdam Nursery and Garden Center., Midwest Groundcovers, Natural Gardens, Planter's Palette, Possibility Place, Prairie Moon Nursery, Prairie Nursery, Sid's Greenhouse, Ted's Greenhouse, Wilson Nurseries

### **Plant Information and Technical Assistance**

*Local Non-Profit Organizations:* Chicago Botanic Garden, Garfield Park Conservatory Alliance, Growing Power, Morton Arboretum, Nature Conservancy (IL Chapter), Openlands, U of I Extension-Master Gardeners

*Local Collaboratives and Coalitions:* Chicago Wilderness, GreenNet Hotline Referral Service, Midwest Ecological Landscaping Assoc.

*City of Chicago:* Department of the Environment – Greencorps, North Park Village Nature Center

### **Property Acquisition/Permits**

*Local Non-Profit Organizations:* NeighborSpace, Openlands

*City of Chicago:* Bureau of Real Estate Management, Department of the Environment, Department of Housing and Economic Development (includes zoning and land use), Cook County Recorder of Deeds

*Governmental Agencies:* Illinois Department of Natural Resources

### **Rain Barrels**

*City of Chicago:* Department of Environment– Natural Resources and Water Quality "Rain Barrel Rebate Form," and the Dept.'s list of retailers

### **Recycling**

*Local Non-Profit Organizations and Coalitions:* The Resource Center, Chicago Recycling Coalition

### **Seeds and Seed-Starting**

*National Non-Profit Organizations:* America the Beautiful Fund

*City of Chicago:* Department of the Environment - GreenCorps, NeighborSpace's One Seed Chicago

*Commercial:* Gardener's Alive, Gardener's Supply Co., Hometown Seeds, Johnny's Seeds, Seed Exchange, Seed Savers, Terroir Seeds (Underwood Gardens),

### **Soil or Crushed Stone**

*Commercial:* DuPage Topsoil, Earth Inc., E-Z Tree Recycling, Fox River Stone Co., Frerk Bros., Orland Soil, Schwake Stone, Town and Country

### **Soil Testing for Lead**

*City of Chicago:* Department of Public Health (Blood Screening)

*Commercial:* A & L Great Lakes Laboratories, STAT Analysis

*Local Non-Profit Organizations:* University of Illinois Extension (Fertility)

### **Tools**

*Commercial:* A.M. Leonard, Carlin, CityEscape, Grainger, Hummert, Russo Ace Hardware, Town and Country

*City of Chicago:* Department of Streets and Sanitation— Mayor Daley's Clean and Green Program

### **Tree Information, Planting, and Maintenance**

*Local Non-Profit Organizations:* Chicago Botanic Garden, Morton Arboretum, Openlands' Treekeepers

*Local Collaboratives and Coalitions:* Chicago Wilderness

*Governmental Agencies:* Forest Preserve of Cook County

### **Vegetable Gardening/ Urban Agriculture**

*Local Non-Profit Organizations:* Advocates for Urban Agriculture, Angelic Organics—CSA Learning Center, Growing Home, Growing Power, Kilbourn Park Organic Greenhouse, Openlands-HomeGrown Chicago, The Resource Center, Underwood Gardens, U. of I. Extension

*Commercial:* Johnny's Seeds

### **Volunteer Workers**

*Local Non-Profit Organizations:* Chicago Cares, Chicago Public Allies, Friends of the Chicago Rivers, Friends of the Parks, Garfield Park Conservatory Alliance, Nature Conservancy (Ill. Chapter), Openlands, Chicago Cares, Friends of the Chicago River

*Local Collaboratives and Coalitions:* Chicago Wilderness Chicago Community Gardeners Association, GreenNet

### **Water Permits and Plumbing Contractors**

*City of Chicago:* Department of Water

*Commercial:* Central Lawn Sprinklers

### **Weed and Pest Control**

*Local Collaboratives:* Safer Pest Control Project

*Commercial:* Local gardening supply stores (see Plants category)

## **Service Providers**

### **Local Non-Profit Organizations**

#### **Angelic Organics Farm and Learning Center**

1547 Rockton Road  
Caledonia, IL 61011  
815.389.8455/ fax 815.389.3106  
www.angelicorganics.com  
csa@angelicorganics.com

CSA Learning Center connects organic farmers to consumers through food and educational programs. They train aspiring farmers, give tours and demonstrations at the farm and run a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) farm from which people can get herbs and vegetables delivered.

#### **Angelic Organics Learning Center**

6400 S. Woodlawn Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60637  
773.288.5462/ fax 425.969.0317

Woodlawn center focuses on education and connects urban families to the land and helps them build healthy local food systems.

#### **\* Archi-treasures**

3339 W. Division  
Chicago, IL 60651  
773.772.4416/ fax 773.772.4418  
www.architreasures.org

\* Denotes member of  
GreenNet Chicago

info@architreasures.org  
Provides technical and artistic assistance for the beautification of parks and gardens.

#### **Active Transportation Alliance**

9 W. Hubbard St. Suite 402  
Chicago, IL 60610-6545  
312.427.3325/ fax 312.427.4907  
http://www.activetrans.org/

Advocates increase in bicycle use and creation of bike trails and other forms of active transport.

#### **\* Chicago Botanic Garden**

1000 Lake Cook Rd.  
Glencoe, IL 60022  
847.835.5440/tdd:847.835.0790  
www.chicagobotanic.org

-Eliza Fournier, Manager Community Gardening

efournier@chicagobotanic.org  
-Angela Mason, Director Community Gardening and Green Youth Farm  
amason@chicagobotanic.org

-Lynne Haynor, Program Coordinator, Green Youth Farm  
lhaynor@chicagobotanic.org

Works with Waukegan teens to grow organic veggies. Partners with GreenNet prodevelopment for teachers interested in gardening.

#### **Chicago Public Allies**

200 N. Michigan Ave. Ste. 520  
Chicago, IL 60601-5909  
312.422.7777/ fax 312.422.7776

www.publicallieschicago.org  
Chicago@publicallies.org

Advances diverse, young leaders to strengthen communities, non-profits and civic participation.

### **Chicago Public Art Group**

1259 S. Wabash  
Chicago, IL 60605  
312.427.2724/ fax 312.427.3413  
www.cpag.net, info@cpag.net

Able to create fences, benches, sculptures and pavers.

### **Environmental Law and Policy Center**

35 E. Wacker Dr. #1300  
Chicago, IL 60601  
312.673.6500/ fax 312.795.3730  
www.elpc.org

The ELPC is a Midwest public interest group working on large environmental issues around open space, energy efficiency and transit.

### **Friends of the Chicago River**

28 E. Jackson St., Suite 1800  
Chicago, IL 60604  
312.939.0490/ fax 312.939.0931  
www.chicagoriver.org  
friends@chicagoriver.org

Advocates protecting and improving the Chicago River; provides technical & financial assistance for river-related greening.

### **\* Friends of the Parks**

17 N. State St., Suite 1450  
Chicago, IL 60602

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312.857.2757 fax 312.857.0656  
www.fotp.org  
Director of Neighborhood Parks and Community Relations:  
Maria Dmyterko Stone  
stonem@fotp.org  
Director of Volunteers:  
Mary Eileen Sullivan  
sullivanme@fotp.org

Provides technical support to community advocates looking to improve their parks, preserves and community greenspace.

### **\* Garfield Park Conservatory Alliance**

300 N. Central Park Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60624  
773.638.1766/ fax 773.638.1777  
www.garfield-conservatory.org  
Robin Cline, rcline@garfieldpark.org

Provides family-oriented activities, manages urban demonstration garden the size of a city lot, and other special projects to support community greening initiatives.

### **\* Green City Market**

Business Office  
2732 N. Clark Suite 302  
Chicago, IL 60614  
Outdoor Market  
1790 N. Clark St.  
Indoor Market  
Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum  
2430 N. Cannon Dr  
www.chicagogreencitymarket.org

The outdoor market is located at the south end of Lincoln Park and runs May-Oct., Weds. and Sat. The indoor market runs from Nov-

Dec. at the Notebaert Nature Museum in Lincoln Park

### **Growing Home Administrative Office**

2732 N. Clark St.  
Chicago, IL 60614  
773.549.1336  
Email: info@growinghomeinc.org  
Wood Street Urban Farm  
5814 S. Wood Street, Chicago  
Chicago, IL 60636  
773.434.7144  
www.growinghomeinc.org  
Harry Rhodes, Director  
hrhodes@growinghomeinc.org

Provides job training and employment opportunities for homeless and low-income people in the context of organic agriculture business.

### **Growing Power-Chicago**

2215 W. North Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60647  
773.486.6005/ fax 773.593.3112  
Erika Allen, Chicago Projects Manager  
Erika@growingpower.org  
www.growingpower.org  
growingpowerIL@aol.com

Helps to plan and implement urban agriculture workshops and projects; provides workshops from their center in Milwaukee.

### **The Law Project (Formerly Community Economic Development Law Project )**

100 North LaSalle St., Suite 600  
Chicago, IL 60602  
312.939.3638

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http://www.thelawproject.org  
Jody R. Adler, J.D., TLP Director  
jadler@thelawproject.org

Provides free legal assistance for non-profit community organizations.

### **Morton Arboretum**

4100 Illinois Rte. 53  
Lisle, IL 60532  
630.968.0074/ fax 630.719.7956  
www.mortonarb.org

Provides information and technical assistance for trees and shrubs.

### **Nature Conservancy, Illinois Chapter**

8 S. Michigan, Suite 900  
Chicago, IL 60603  
312.580.2100/ fax 312.346.5606  
www.tnc.org, illinois@tnc.org

Sponsors volunteer programs and workshops for urban gardeners and children.

### **\* NeighborSpace**

25 E. Washington St., Ste. 1670  
Chicago, IL 60602  
Ben Helphand- Executive Director  
312.863.6292/ fax 312.427.6251  
www.neighbor-space.org  
bhelphand@neighbor-space.org

Acquires property on behalf of committed community groups that wish to preserve that property as community open space.

### **\* Openlands**

25 E. Washington St., Ste. 1650  
Chicago, IL 60602  
312.427.4256/ fax 312.427.6251  
www.openlands.org



Glenda Daniels, Community Greening Director, gdaniels@openlands.org

- Treekeepers, trains volunteers to maintain the city's urban forest
- Land Preservation, helps communities in northeastern Illinois increase the quantity and quality of open space for public enjoyment.

Julie Samuels, Community Outreach Coordinator, jsamuels@openlands.org

- Building Urban Gardens (BUGS), a survey course in organic gardening; graduates volunteers in community gardens.
- Homegrown Chicago, A class which provides training and support for community vegetable gardens in Chicago
- Community Garden Organizing Jamie Zaplatosch, Education Director jzaplatosch@openlands.org
- School Gardens  
Helps to create and facilitate community gardens at over 50 Chicago schools
- Green Teacher Network  
Develops plant and garden curriculum with area teachers

### The Resource Center

222 E. 135th Place  
Chicago, IL 60627  
773.821.1351/ fax 773.821.7462

www.resourcecenterchicago.org  
cityfarm@resourcecenterchicago.org

Runs City Farm, a sustainable vegetable farm in the Cabrini Green area. Provides compost, manure, top soil, mixed soil, bricks and rocks. Runs multiple recycling centers across the city.

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### Safer Pest Control Project

4611 N. Ravenswood Av. Suite 107  
Chicago, IL 60640  
773.878.7378/ fax 773.878.8250  
www.spcpweb.org  
rrosenberg@bpichicago.org

Provides information on chemical-free schools, homes and gardens and teaches gardeners about alternatives to pesticides.

### \* University of Illinois Extension

3807 W. 111th St.  
Chicago, IL 60655  
773.233.0476/ fax 773.233.0910  
www.urbanext.uiuc.edu/hort  
Ron Wolford, Extension Educator  
rwolford@illinois.edu

Provides training for Master Gardeners and support for area gardeners. Master Gardeners may be available to volunteer in community gardens. Also runs a free manure exchange program called Manure Share. Has a list of soil testing labs.

### Local Collaboratives and Coalitions

#### Advocates for Urban Agriculture

c/o Garfield Park Conservatory  
Chicago, IL 60612  
<http://groups.google.com/group/advocates-for-urban-agriculture/>

Supports and informs on issues surrounding urban agriculture including food security and farming in the city.



### Chicago Recycling Coalition

P.O. Box 87442  
Chicago, IL 60680-0442  
www.chicagorecycling.org

Provides compost & recycling information & resources.

### Chicago Wilderness

8 S. Michigan Avenue, Suite 900  
Chicago, IL 60603  
312.580.2137/ fax 312.346.5606  
www.chicagowilderness.org

Web site provides information about native plants and links to member organizations.

### \* GreenNet

300 N. Central Park Ave  
Chicago, IL 60624  
773.980.9486  
www.greennetchicago.org  
info@greennetchicago.org

Provides many resources for the urban gardener including grants, informational resource (newsletter, map, website) for member organizations. Maintains hotline to address community garden questions and provide referrals.

### Green Teacher Network

c/o Openlands  
25 E. Washington St., Ste. 1650  
Chicago, IL 60602  
312.427.4256/ fax 312.427.6251  
formerly School Garden Initiative)  
www.chicagobotanic.org/ctl/teacherprogram/gtn

Partnership between Chicago Botanic Garden, Openlands and Gar-

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field Park Conservatory Alliance to provide resources and training for area teachers on school gardening curricula.

### \* Midwest Ecological Landscaping Assoc.

310 Busse Hwy., #265  
Park Ridge, IL 60068  
www.melaweb.org  
info@melaweb.org

Association of landscaping professionals who promote environmentally responsible practices.

### National Non-Profit and Funding Organizations

#### \* American Community Gardening Association

c/o Franklin Park Conservatory  
1777 East Broad St.  
Columbus, OH 43203-2040  
877.ASK.ACGA/877.275.2242/ fax 614.645.5921  
www.communitygarden.org  
info@communitygarden.org

Works to create new resources for community gardens. Annual community gardening conference, online resources and informative listserv on all topics concerning community gardens.

#### America the Beautiful Fund

1730 K Street, Suite 1002  
NW Washington, DC 20006  
202.638.1649/ fax 202.204.0028  
www.freeseeds.us

Distributes free flower and vegetable packets, bulk seeds, and educational materials to community gardens.

**National Gardening Assoc.**

1100 Dorset Street  
 South Burlington, VT 05403  
 802.863.5251 / fax 802.864.6889  
 www.garden.org

Renews links between people,  
 plants and the environment.

**City of Chicago**

NOTE: For all general information  
 call 311

For all department websites, go to  
 www.cityofchicago.org and select  
 the link to the appropriate  
 department or bureau.

**Department of Buildings**

121 N. LaSalle St., Rm. 900  
 Chicago, IL 60602  
 312.744.6479

Provides permits for fences on  
 private property.

**\* Department of the  
 Environment**

30 N. LaSalle St., Suite 200  
 Chicago, IL 60602  
 312.744.7606 / fax 312.744.6451  
 www.cityofchicago.org/environment  
 environment@cityofchicago.org

Oversees recycling, redevelopment  
 of abandoned industrial property,  
 and land restoration.

**\* Greencorps Chicago**

445 N. Sacramento Blvd.  
 Chicago, IL 60612  
 312.746.9777 / fax: 312.746.9778

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environment@cityofchicago.org

Provides plants, landscape ma-  
 terials and technical assistance  
 to community gardens through  
 landscaping/job training. Runs  
 plant distribution days, includ-  
 ing the Great Perennial Divide.

-*Chicago Center for Green Technology*  
 Offers free workshops and  
 tours on green building tech-  
 nologies.

-*Natural Resources and Water Quality*  
 Offers free workshops around  
 the city and distributes rain  
 barrel and compost bin rebate  
 forms. Go to cityofchi-  
 cago.org/rainbarrel for rebate  
 forms and a list of retailers.

**Department of Housing and  
 Economic Development**

(formerly Departments of Community  
 Development and Zoning and Land Use)

121 N. LaSalle St. 10<sup>th</sup> floor  
 Chicago, IL 60602  
 312.744.4190 / fax 312.744.6550  
 http://www.cityofchicago.org/dpd  
 Kathy Dickhut, Assistant Com-  
 missioner, kdickhut@cityofchicago.org

Directs CitySpace plan and pro-  
 vides information on open space in  
 Chicago. Find land ownership in-  
 formation at https://  
 gisapps.cityofchicago.org/zoning/

Find available properties at the:  
**City of Chicago Land Owner-  
 ship Inventory**

30 N. LaSalle St., #3700  
 Chicago, IL 60602  
 312.744.LAND (5263)  
 http://www.cityofchicago.org/city/  
 en/depts/dcdsupp\_info/city-  
 owned\_land\_inventory.html

**Department of Public Health  
 Lead Poisoning Prevention  
 Program**

312.747.LEAD (5323)  
 www.cityofchicago.org

City program that provides free  
 blood screening for lead poisoning  
 as well as other helpful services for  
 Chicago residents.

**Department of Streets and  
 Sanitation**

121 N. LaSalle St., Room 700  
 Chicago, IL 60602  
 Call your local branch or  
 312.744.4611  
 www.cityofchicago.org/  
 streetsandsan

Manages streetlights, rodent  
 control, abandoned vehicle  
 towing, street sweeping, etc.

*Bureau of Forestry*  
 312.746.5254

Provides free mulch, wood chips,  
 and tree inspection, trimming  
 and planting in parkways.  
*Mayor Daley's Clean and Green Program*  
 By request throughout the year,  
 the city provides tools and bags  
 and flyers for volunteer groups  
 who want to clean up a  
 neighborhood. Search "Mayor  
 Daley's Clean and Green Pro-  
 gram" for how to sign up online.

**Department of  
 Transportation**

30 N. LaSalle St., Rm. 1100  
 Chicago, IL 60602  
 312.744.3600 / fax 312.744.1200

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 GreenNet Chicago

http://www.cityofchicago.org/city/  
 en/depts/cdot.html

Provides authorization for  
 median, traffic circles, and  
 boulevard planting.

-*Digger*  
 312.744.7000

Within the Chicago city limits,  
 you must contact Digger 48  
 hours in advance to determine  
 underground utility and sewer  
 lines before digging. Elsewhere  
 call J.U.L.I.E at 800.892.0123

-*Permits Department*  
 312.744.4652

Provides digging permits, infor-  
 mation on underground lines.

-*Utility Alert Network*  
 312.744.7000

Dispatches workers to mark  
 underground utilities.

**Department of Water  
 Management**

1000 E. Ohio St.  
 Chicago, IL 60611  
 312.744.7001 / fax: 312.744.7119  
 www.cityofchicago.org/  
 WaterManagement

Provides water permits for com-  
 munity gardens and authorization  
 for fire hydrant use.

**Chicago Public Library  
 NatureConnections Program**

400 S. State St.  
 Chicago, IL 60605  
 312.747.4730  
 http://www.chipublib.org/  
 eventsprog/programs/  
 nature\_conn.php  
 emcchesn@chipublib.org

Has children's books & programs on natural history, gardening and environment. You can also call your local branch.

## **Other Government Agencies**

### **\* Chicago Park District**

541 N. Fairbanks Ct.  
Chicago, IL 60611  
312.742.7529/ fax 312.747.6046  
www.chicagoparkdistrict.com

Begin by contacting your local CPD office.

*-Kilbourn Park Organic Greenhouse*  
3501 N. Kilbourn Park  
Chicago, IL 60641  
773.685.3359  
kirstenakre@chicagoparkdistrict.com

Only public organic greenhouse in Chicago. Holds an annual organic plant sale in May, and organic gardening classes.

Greenhouse includes a Children's Garden, fruit orchard, and 26 allotment community garden plots for neighbors.

### *-Harvest Gardens*

Introduces children to urban vegetable gardening in Chicago parks.

### *-North Park Village Nature Center*

5801 N. Pulaski  
Chicago, IL 60646  
312.744.5472/ fax 312.744.1134  
Provides environmental educa-

tion for restoration and offers classes for citizens.

### *-Garfield Park Conservatory*

300 N. Central Park Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60612

### *-Lincoln Park Conservatory*

2391 N Stockton Dr.  
Chicago, IL 60614

### *-Chicago Police Department-Mounted Horse Unit*

7059 South Shore Dr. (within the South Shore Cultural Center)  
Chicago, IL 60649  
312.747.5425

Provides free manure.

### **Cook County Recorder of Deeds**

118 N. Clark St., Room 120  
Chicago, IL 60602  
312.603.5050/ fax 312.603.5063  
www.ccrd.info

Keeps records of vacant lot ownership.

### **Forest Preserve of Cook County**

536 N. Harlem Ave.  
River Forest, IL 60305  
708.366.9420/ fax 708.771.1512  
www.fpdcc.com

Provides guidance on tree selection & care; occasional wood chip give-away; land restoration training.

### **IL Dept. of Natural Resources**

100 W. Randolph, Ste. 4300  
Chicago, IL 60601  
312.814.2070/ fax 312.814.2439  
http://dnr.state.il.us

Directs state programs for land

acquisition, management, and restoration.

### **J.U.L.I.E.**

800.892.0123  
www.illinois1call.com

Use J.U.L.I.E. for anywhere in the state of Illinois (except Chicago) to determine underground utility and sewer lines before excavating. In Chicago call Digger at 312.744.7000

### **U. S. Environmental Protection Agency Sustainable Urban Environment – Team Manager**

77 W. Jackson Blvd., 19th Floor  
Chicago, IL 60604  
1.800.621.8431  
www.epa.gov/region5

An information resource on sustainable development and smart growth practices, as they relate to clean air, water, and land issues.

## **Commercial Vendors**

### **A & L Great Lakes Laboratories**

3505 Conestoga Drive  
Fort Wayne, IN 46808  
260.483.4759/ fax 260.483.5274  
www.algreatlakes.com

Provides soil testing. Send samples of soil in zip lock bags to be tested for lead and cadmium.

### **American Home Fence**

3444 N. Cicero Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60641  
773.777.3700

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www.americanhomefence.com

Provides fencing and installation

### **Ball Seed**

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West Chicago, IL 60185  
847.697.6080

www.ballseed.com  
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lthomas@ballseed.com

Suburban seed supplier for annuals, perennials and vegetables. Impressive trial gardens to highlight plant combinations and varieties. *A OneSeedChicago Seed Donor!*

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www.beavercreeknursery.com  
sales@beavercreeknursery.com  
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www.beesongrows.com  
mcn@beesongrows.com  
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Contact : Mario  
708.458.3093/ fax 708.458.312  
www.bellaflorist.com

Greenhouse grower of annuals and vegetables with small retail garden center.

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600 W. Kinzie  
Chicago, IL 60610  
312.226.7700/ fax 312.226.4141  
www.blommer.com

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7502 S. Main St  
Crystal Lake, IL 60014  
877.223.0200/ fax 847.444.6309  
www.borknurseries.com

Downstate nursery with a sales yard in Crystal Lake.

### **Bricks Incorporated**

3425 S. Kedzie Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60623  
773-523-5718

Major supplier of bricks and stones

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8170 Granville Woods Rd.  
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800.657.0745/ fax 414.355.3107  
www.carlinsales.com  
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Joliet, IL 60436

Horticultural supplies including greenhouse, commercial, agricultural, and retail equipment.

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### **CityEscape Garden Center**

3022 W. Lake St.  
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773.638.2000  
Connie Rivera  
http://www.cityescape.biz

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### **Doty and Sons**

1275 East State St.  
Sycamore, IL 60178  
800.233.3097/ fax 815.895.8035  
www.dotyconcrete.com

Stone benches, tables, garbage cans

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P.O. Box 387  
(Butterfield Rd. and 59<sup>th</sup> St.)  
Wheaton, IL 60189

Contact : Tray  
630.682.4800/ fax 630.231.3764

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### **Earth Inc.**

810 Arlington Hts. Rd. Suite #1  
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630.285.9800

Provides topsoil, construction sand and crushed stone. Call for prices on your estimate of how much soil/crushed stone you need—delivery is in 2-3 days. COD only.

### **EZ Tree Recycling**

7050 S. Dorchester  
Chicago, IL 60637  
773.493.8600



Mike Fowler, Owner

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Joseph Bestwina  
708.458.1327

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773.792.3900/ fax 773.792.8163  
www.thefencestore.com

Fence supplier

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847.913.1414/ fax 847.913.9690  
www.cjfiore.com

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205 W. Rankin St.  
P.O. Box 8397  
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http://forestry-suppliers.com

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7N394 McLean Blvd.  
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847.742.6060/ fax 847.742.6282  
www.foxriverstone.com  
info@foxriverstone.com

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### **Gethsemane Garden Center**

5739 N. Clark St.  
Chicago, IL  
773.878.5915  
www.gethsemanegardens.com

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### **Good Earth Greenhouse**

7900 W. Madison St.  
River Forest, IL 60305  
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www.grainger.com

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2200 W. Grand Ave.  
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14440 Marengo Rd.



Union, IL 60180-9621  
847.669.8658/ fax 847.669.8662  
Gregory Oltman, President  
Grohortwmc.net

Shade and ornamental trees, custom digging and transplanting.

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3135 W. Belmont  
Chicago, IL 60618  
773.588.0800/ fax 773.588.0897

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### Hoffie Nursery

17102 Marengo Road  
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815.923.2518

Perennial and annual nursery

### Hummert International

www.hummert.com

Supplier of all types of horticultural products

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800.291.2143/ fax 563.535.7362  
www.ionexchange.com  
hbright@acegroup.cc

Provides native plants and seeds

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207.861.3900  
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### Kankakee Nursery Co.

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Aroma Park, IL 60910  
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Chicago, IL 60612  
312.226.0760/ fax 312.226.0761  
www.lakestreetlandscapesupply.com  
lakestreet@landscapelink.com  
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### Mariani Nursery

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www.marianilandscapes.com  
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and rentals.

### Russo Power Equipment

9525 W. Irving Park Rd.  
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847.678.9525/ fax 847.678.0705  
www.russopower.com  
russo@russopower.com

Landscape equipment supplier rentals of tillers, power rakes, tampers, etc.

### Schwake Stone

1313 Rand Rd  
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800.582.4477/ fax 847.824.3213  
www.schwakestone.com

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www.seedsofchange.com

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### Seed Savers Exchange

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skumar@statanalysis.com

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dansgreenhouse@sbcglobal.net



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www.planterspalette.com  
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www.possibilityplace.com

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