



Gardens For Everyone

GROW YOUR VEGGIES AT HOME!

Having access to fresh produce right outside your door assures your family of an affordable way to eat delicious, healthy food all year long. Growing your own food has tremendous benefits including physical exercise, mental rest and a nutritious harvest. Inter-Faith Food Shuttle wants to help you get started by building a raised-bed garden box with you and supporting you along the way from seed to harvest, whether you are a brand-new gardener or a seasoned “green thumb.”

The **Gardens For Everyone** project is for anyone interested in having a home garden in Wake or Durham County. Priority is given to low- to moderate-income households, as well as organizations in this area that want to grow food for their community. Applications are accepted year-round.



We provide you with:

- A 4' x 8' x 20" raised-bed garden box filled with healthy soil
- Free seeds and seedlings to get you started
- Access to free gardening education and resources, including our **Seed to Supper** beginning gardeners' class and manual, as well as gardening workshops throughout the season (Currently on hold due to COVID-19)
- Ongoing support through special drop-in open garden hours at the Camden Street Learning Garden located at 811 East Davie Street, Raleigh, NC, and the Geer Street Learning Garden located at 110 East Geer Street in Durham, NC.

Eligibility Priorities:

To be eligible to receive a garden bed, you must have enough space in your yard, as well as sunlight and access to water. To make the program accessible to all, Inter-Faith Food Shuttle has a pay-what-you-can policy with a minimum contribution of \$25 from individuals or families. Because we have limited funding, we ask that you contribute as much as possible toward the full cost of materials and labor, which is \$200 per bed. We ask that organizations pay the full cost of each bed. *Those who can't afford to pay are still encouraged to apply and we will cover the cost through scholarship.*

Gardener Expectations:

- Ability to plant and tend your garden on a regular basis. We find that it takes 1 - 2 hours each week to maintain a garden this size.
- You will be asked to complete a survey when you receive your garden, another after 6 months, and on an annual basis after that. These surveys help us to be sure that the **Gardens For Everyone project** meets your needs and the needs of our future gardeners.

How to Apply:

1. Fill out the paper application or visit FoodShuttle.org/agriculture for a digital copy
2. If you rent your home, you must complete the Landlord Permission Letter (attached to application)
3. Return paper applications to Inter-Faith Food Shuttle.
Attn: Gardens For Everyone, 1001 Blair Drive, Suite 120 Raleigh, NC 27603
4. You will be added to the waitlist and contacted about scheduling a site-visit at your home

Questions or Concerns? Email gardensforeveryone@foodshuttle.org