HIGHLIGHTS

The Emory Educational Garden Project is intended to make small-scale food production accessible through transferring gardening knowledge at weekly workdays and sharing fresh produce with volunteers. Eight small but productive garden plots across campus are maintained by Emory community members, providing communal spaces to work and grow food together.

BENEFITS

- A variety of produce, including tomatoes, lettuce, beans, eggplants, broccoli, strawberries, cotton, and more, are all grown in the Emory Educational Gardens around campus.
- The fruits and vegetables in the gardens are grown for educational purposes, to help aspiring gardeners become more comfortable with growing food. Volunteers are also rewarded with the fruits of their labor by taking home the produce that they cultivate and harvest.
- The Educational Gardens contribute to our Sustainability Vision by providing a safe habitat for pollinators and replacing turf grass with more biodiverse ecosystems.
- The Garden Living-Learning Community, part of the Faculty-in-Residence (FIR) program, is a themed housing community located on Clairmont Campus. Residents are responsible for maintaining the Clairmont Educational Garden, while also engaging with topics related to food cultures and food communities in a credit-bearing class, as well as occasional field trips and other activities. For more information, contact FIR Dr. Levin Arnsberger or Program Assistant Quinton Gasper.

HOW IT WORKS

- The gardens are maintained by teams of volunteers that meet for weekly workdays. Most gardens are led by undergraduate and graduate student groups, departments, or classes, but all members of the Emory community are welcome to volunteer. No prior experience is needed.
- Volunteers assist with maintenance tasks, including weeding, planting, watering, and of course, harvesting.
- The workday schedule is available on the Emory OSI Calendar, or through the gardening listserv. To be added to the listserv or for any other questions, contact the Educational Garden Project Coordinator.

LEARN MORE

Come volunteer in the gardens! Check the events calendar for the weekly workday schedule for each educational garden.
Join the gardening email listserv by emailing the Emory Gardens Coordinator, Erik Edwards. Feel free to reach out to Erik with any more questions.

Groups interested in starting a new garden on campus can use this guide to apply for approval:

- New Garden Application Guide

Want to teach a course through the Educational Gardens? Let us know.

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- Gardens Coordinator email: Erik Edwards
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