

Toronto Urban Growers

Report for 2024

We are a member based network that aims to increase the availability of healthy, organic and sustainable food grown, processed and sold in Toronto.





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Best Fruit or Vegetable Area [ARG]

URBAN AGRICULTURE WEEK
Nine days of celebrating urban-grown food and the people who grow it!

EVENTS

September 10th 2020
Pre-UA Week Social at the Carrot Green Roof
18:00 to 20:00

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Isaac Crosby TSS 2022 #1

Monika's medicinal plants #3 Q&A

Monika's medicinal plants #2

Monika's medicinal plants #1

Compost tea with Crooked Farmz

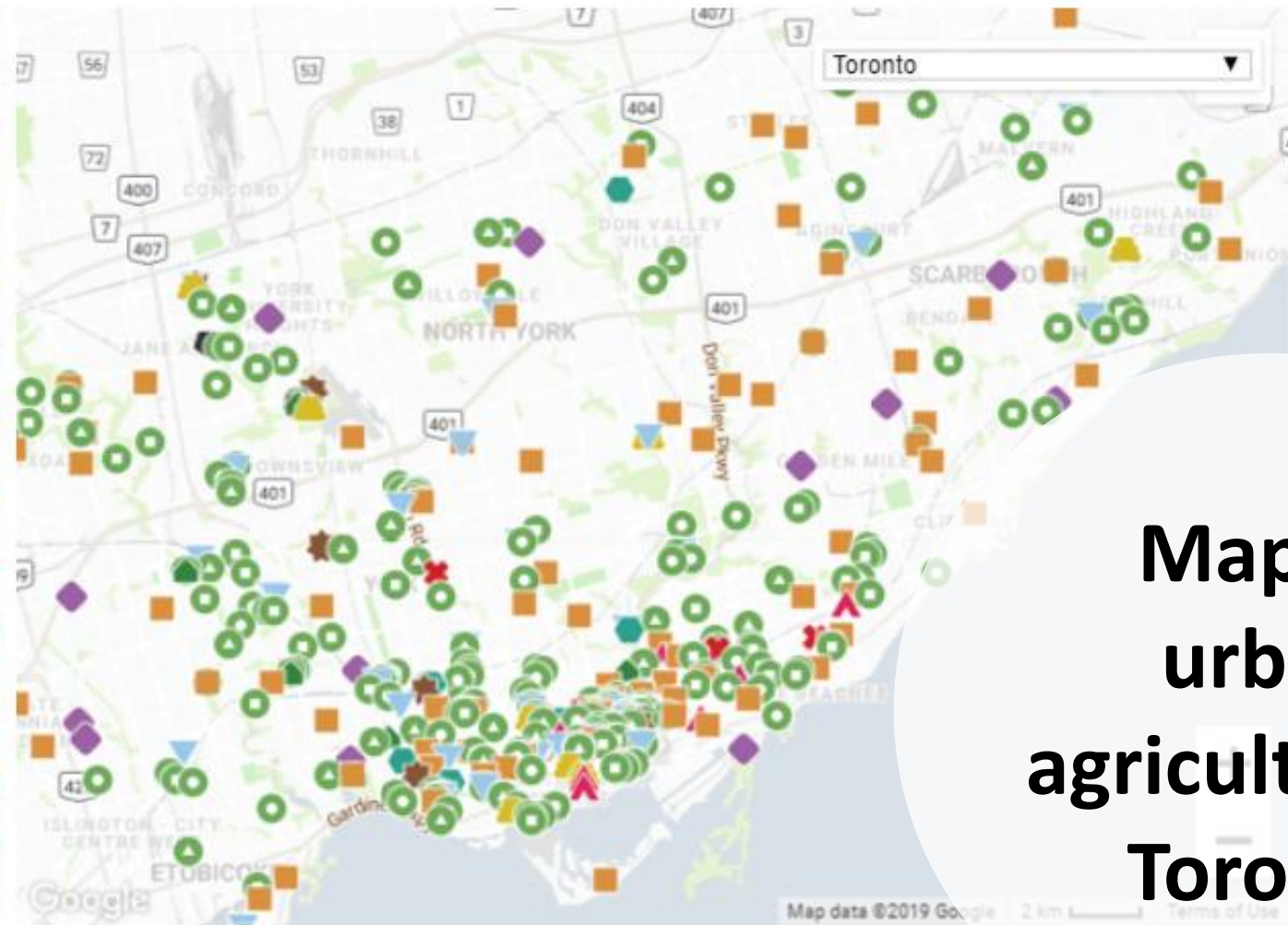
- Google group with 1000+ members
- Facebook, Instagram
- YouTube channel
- Co-admin of Grow Food Toronto FB group



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- Toronto Parks community gardens
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- School and children's gardens
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- Other urban ag businesses
- Organizations
- Rooftop gardens
- Greenhouses
- Beehives
- Orchards
- Other



Map of urban agriculture in Toronto



TUG projects

Recordings of past webinars are posted on the TUG YouTube channel



FREE

Growing a Greener City in Paris + Toronto

Panel 1: How to build support for urban agriculture

CONTROLLED ENVIRONMENT AGRICULTURE WEBINAR

January 22, 2024 | Monday, 7-9PM

Featuring speakers from:



REGISTER NOW!

Scan the QR code or follow the link:

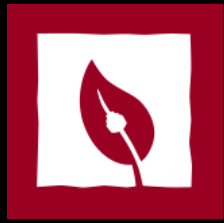


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Ask an Urban Farmer

An in-person and online workshop hosted by the Toronto Urban Farmer Training program



TUG collaborations

TUG partnered with Scarborough Seedy Saturday and Green Fair and CICS to offer the event in a new location.





TUG collaborations

Urban Agriculture Week 2024

September 14-22 • 9 days

43 events across the city!



Flemo Farm Farmers' Market

Community-grown, fresh and diverse produce

Every Thursday

3:00 pm to 6:00 pm
June 20th to October 10th

Plastic-free market
Please bring your own shopping bags!

150 Grenoble Drive



Saturday, September 21, 9am-1pm
10 N Queen St., Etobicoke*

Tour our greenhouse, woodshop and yard. Stock up on fall essentials like straw, seed garlic, hoop tunnels, and Jocelyn's Soil Booster! *Traffic Instructions

TORONTO GARLIC FESTIVAL
And Toronto Garlic Week
Friday, Sept 19 - Sunday, Sept 29
Sunday, Sept 29
10am to 5pm
Streetfest On Spadina Road between Davenport Rd & Dupont St
Free Admission!

Malvern Farmers Market
mfr
Wednesdays

URBAN AGRICULTURE WEEK
SEPT 14-22
CELEBRATING TORONTO-GROWN FOOD AND THE PEOPLE WHO GROW IT!

Wild By Nature
BOTANICALS
Awaken Your Senses FREE
Saturday September 21 8am - 1pm

AUTUMN OPEN HOUSE
22 SEPTEMBER, 2024 | AT 11 AM - 3 PM
@ THE ALLAN GARDENS
CHILDREN'S CONSERVATORY & TEACHING GARDEN
19 HORTICULTURAL AVE, TORONTO, ON

garden tours + autumn-themed crafts
vermicomposting demos
gardening advice + garlic planting
seed saving & more!

Activities designed for people of all ages and abilities. Children welcome with parental supervision. Drop-in for free! Donations welcome.
Learn more at: friendsofallangardens.ca

Organizer: **allan gardens**
Programming Partners: **TORONTO GARLIC FESTIVAL**, **URBAN AGRICULTURE WEEK**

RIVERDALE HUB ROOFTOP GARDEN TOURS
In celebration of Urban Agriculture Week 2024

SAT. SEPT. 21, 2024 10:30AM - 2:30PM AND 3:30PM - 5PM
FEE: DONATION OR PAY WHAT YOU CAN
For Reservations email: victoriadilman@riverdalehub.ca

RIVERDALE HUB
1326 Gerrard Street East
@riverdalehubrooftopgarden

SCARBOROUGH VILLAGE COMMUNITY GARDEN PRESENTS:
16th Annual **Harvest Festival 2024!**
Sat. September 14, 2024 (rain date Sept. 21)
11 am to 3 pm

live music
art activities
parade
veggie and plant giveaway
garden tours
scavenger hunts
games
face painting

Fred Johnson Park
3630 Kingston Rd
contact info: 647-779-7062
scarboroughvillagecgc@gmail.com

fred victor
JOIN US AT THE ANNUAL **HARVEST Festival**
14 September
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
620 Dundas Big Park Communal Garden
COMMUNITY MEAL / KIDS ACTIVITIES / RAFFLE DRAW / MUSIC AND MORE!
Please contact Ashrafi Ahmed for more information
416-363-4234 EXT 5239
aahmed@fredvictor.org

City of Toronto Urban Agriculture Week Sept. 14-22
Canada National Forest Week Sept. 22-28
Sept 22 Sunday 1-4 pm
Garden Tour & Tree Giveaway

* Visit the beautiful Green Thumbs school-community gardens in downtown East Toronto
* Take home a young tree grown from seed by children
Meet at Sherbourne TTC Station 1 pm
More: info@greenthumbsto.org

Register for your free tree(s) here:

green thumbs
TORONTO

Access Alliance
This is a Zero Waste Event
Urban Agriculture Week
September 14-22 2024

Saturday Sept. 18th: Visit to the Malvern Urban Farm 10am-12pm (potluck lunch included)
Saturday Sept. 22nd: Rooftop Garden Garlic Gala 11:30am-2pm (Refreshments included)
Registration required: <https://forms.gle/kWRfjzGof4PHaqAXA>

Toronto Urban Growers
ACCESS POINT ON EARTH
New Signage for Newcomers

Visit Jewel's Garden of Wonders
Saturday, September 21
11:00-12:00
Near Eglinton West station
Address will be sent after you register

An urban adventure of:
• Unusual plant varieties
• Tasty food
• Fun ideas
• Fun ways to grow food
• Contagious creativity

FREE

Prairie Drive Park Community Garden
Sunday, September 15
70 Prairie Drive
(On Pharmacy Ave. east of Victoria Park TTC station)
Free!

10:00 Composting
11:30 Saving seeds

SEEDS FOR ALL FOREVER

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Fall Garden Preparation Workshop
Join Carolin Taron for a FREE garden workshop at Stonegate CHC as she guides participants on how to:
• expand your harvest
• save some seeds
• nourish your soil

Thursday, September 19th
1:00 - 2:00 pm

To register, please email at Health.promotion@stonegatechc.org or call 416.231.7070 ext. 307
Location: Stonegate CHC
10 Neighbourhood Ln, Unit 201
Multipurpose Room

STONEGATE Community Health Centre



TUG collaborations

The return of Best in GrowTO
in partnership with the Canadian National
Exhibition

24 entries in 4 categories
17 entrants



BEST IN GROW T.O. CONTEST



Finalist Showing
CANADIAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION
Toronto, ON

Categories

- Teeny Tines
- Container Garden
- Funnest fruit or vegetables
- Squash, Gourds & Melons

Toronto Urban Growers in partnership with the CNE present the Best In Grow TO People's Choice Awards. Enter the categories listed and you could win gift certificates for garden supplies from local vendors!

DISPLAY YOUR HARVEST AND WIN BIG!

1st place: \$300*, 2nd place: \$100*, 3rd place: \$50*

Submission deadline:
August, 7-12, 2024

Finalist display
at the CNE

Public voting:
August, 16-23, 2024

Winners announced:
August, 25, 2024

MORE INFORMATION & CONTEST DETAILS | www.uaweekto.wordpress.com
f @TOurbangrowers
Best In Grow TO contest is a project of Toronto Urban Agriculture Week
*Prizes supplied in gift certificates.





TUG collaborations

The return of Best in GrowTO
in partnership with the Canadian National Exhibition





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The return of Best in GrowTO
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12 winners
received gift
certificates to
garden supply
stores, ribbons
and certificates





TUG collaborations

A project to promote seed saving with Malvern Family Resource Centre and Scarborough Seedy Saturday



Join the challenge!
Become a local seed saving champion!

- ✂ Learn how to save seeds
- ✂ Get garden signs, stickers & more
- ✂ Trade for new varieties of seeds



With generous support from:



TD Friends of the Environment Foundation

torontourbangrowers.org/scarborough-seeds-for-all-forever




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Seed saving tours and scavenger hunt at Scarborough Village Community Garden



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TO Sustain 5-year research partnership



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New \$3.9M research study explores urban farming to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and boost food access

City support for urban agriculture

Do you want your community to be able to garden, grow food, work in local food, have nutritious food to eat, and more?

Toronto Urban Growers is asking Toronto residents to email their City Councillors and the Mayor and ask for permanent staff support for urban agriculture in the City of Toronto.

[Click here to sign the letter](#)

You'll find an email template that will go to the Mayor and your Councillor.

You'll have even more impact if you add a few words of your own saying why urban agriculture is important to you.

- How does growing food in Toronto make your life and your neighbourhood better?
- What challenges did you encounter in your urban agriculture projects?
- How would permanent staff reduce barriers to urban agriculture and ensure that the city follows through on its commitments?





TUG collaborations

Urban agriculture in the city of love: Lessons from Paris for Toronto



**Webinar
January 31, 2025**

[https://www.torontomu.ca/
foodsecurity/news-
resources/](https://www.torontomu.ca/foodsecurity/news-resources/)



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in Food Security**



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TUG collaborations

Urban farm business research and training project

- Collaboration with Seneca Polytechnic, West Neighbourhood House and Toronto Metropolitan University
- Research on production and business models specifically for urban farmers
- Program won an Honorable Mention in the Excellence in Education AgriFood Awards Ontario

Seneca
INNOVATION

Toronto
Metropolitan
University

Toronto
Urban
Growers

WEST
NEIGHBOURHOOD
HOUSE
Formerly St. Christopher House

TUFT Toronto Urban Farmer Training

TUFT is an 8-module training program, with 2 in-person sessions, over the course of 11 weeks. It is designed to support urban farmers as they create viable, sustainable enterprises by sharing practical knowledge and tools specific to the urban context.



WHO CAN PARTICIPATE IN TUFT?

TUFT is open to everyone who is interested running an urban agriculture enterprise:

- you are exploring ideas for a farm business
- you've already started writing a business plan
- you're already farming
- you're looking to integrate food production at an organization or institution

We do recommend that participants have some production experience.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS?

- no cost to participate at this time
- access to a computer and the internet
- some sessions may take place in-person depending on participant interest and availability

WHEN IS TUFT HAPPENING?

TUFT will run from October 23, 2023 to January 2024. The online live classes takes place on Mondays from 7 to 9PM.

HOW CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

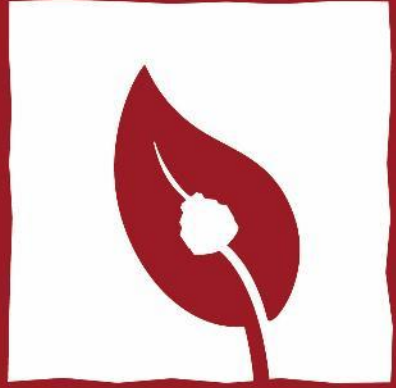
For more information on the delivery and content including the course outline, please check:
www.senecacollege.ca/urban_agriculture

You may also contact west.suhanic@senecacollege.ca or andrew.paton@senecacollege.ca



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