City Farms sites provide a safe oasis where Baltimore’s diverse population can work and interact. This process of sharing vegetables, ideas, and gardening solutions to gardening problem helps grow a sense of community.

How does it work?

Each gardener pays a one-time nonrefundable application fee of $10, signs a City Farms’ agreement, and pays a nominal annual rental fee, depending upon the location and size of the individual garden bed—a standard 10’x15’ bed, or a smaller raised 9’x6’ bed. There are also a few raised beds for gardeners with limited mobility. Please call regarding availability.

This rental fee covers some of the cost of city water and other incidentals—wheelbarrows, leaf compost to enrich the soil, and wood chips used to mulch the pathways in the garden.

Maintaining garden beds, and participating in community garden cleanups occurring twice a growing season are two requirements of all participants.
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Assigned to each garden is a garden representative who helps train and guide participants to the workings of the City Farms. Often the Garden Rep will offer advice and instruction on gardening. Many fellow gardeners are willing to help too. Community participation is critical to the success of City Farms. As a result, City Farms uses social media, garden bulletin boards (located at each of the gardens), and garden workshops to communicate information and ensure each gardener’s experience is enjoyable and productive.

City Farms Partnership: University of Maryland Extension Baltimore City Master Gardener Program.

City Farms’ mission is to provide City managed garden beds, offer educational workshops, train residents in gardening skills, teach environmental conservation, and coach gardeners in methods of improving food production and reducing food waste.

To inquire about a garden bed*, please provide the following information either by completing the information below, and using brochure as a return mailer to City Farms, or by email to:
berp.cityfarms@baltimorecity.gov

Name:

Address:

Zip Code:

Phone:

Email:

Choice of City Farms:

*Note: There is a waiting list for most of the gardens. Submitting an application is no guarantee you will receive a garden bed in the current year.
(Please briefly tell us how you discovered us.)

What is the City Farms Program?

City Farms Program began in 1978, and is rooted in the tradition of establishing backyard gardens for city residents to grow and preserve their own food.

These community gardens located in parks and other community spaces provide an opportunity to grow nutritious sources of local and healthy produce while encouraging project collaboration and a healthier lifestyle.

Baltimore City Recreation and Parks manages City Farms and is opened to all city residents and city employees.

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