

Toronto Urban Growers Gardening 101 Resources April 2021

Garden sharing

<http://torontourbangrowers.org/garden-sharing-network>

<http://www.yardshareto.ca/> - web-based yard matching project

<https://www.sundanceharvestfarm.com/liberating-lawns> - garden sharing project prioritizing land access for BIPOC youth

Getting started – general gardening resources

<http://torontourbangrowers.org/getting-started>

<http://torontourbangrowers.org/resources>

<https://www.blackcreekfarm.ca/programs-2/gardening-resources/>

<http://yougrowgirl.com/>

<https://www.foodgardenlife.com/> - Steven Biggs offers tips on growing vegetables and fruit (including lemons and figs!)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/GrowFoodToronto> - Facebook group with seed & plant shares, forum for asking gardening questions and info on events and food justice issues

<http://torontourbangrowers.org/img/upload/GrowingSellingGuide.pdf> - Toronto Food Policy Council Guide to Growing and Selling Fresh Fruit and Vegetables in Toronto

COVID-19

<https://www.toronto.ca/home/covid-19/covid-19-reopening-recovery-rebuild/covid-19-reopening-guidelines-for-businesses-organizations/covid-19-guidance-parks-recreation/?accordion=community-allotment-gardens>

Balcony and container gardening

<http://torontourbangrowers.org/container-gardening-1>

Lara Mrosovsky of Miinikaan Innovation and Design

<https://www.miinikaan.com/blog> - articles

<https://www.miinikaan.com/resources> - videos, webinars and a coaching program

<https://www.miinikaan.com/store> - 2 books: *Grow without a Garden: 101 Plants for Containers* and *An Illustrated Guide to Growing on Your Balcony*

Soil

<http://torontourbangrowers.org/soil>

<http://torontourbangrowers.org/img/upload/TPHSoilTestingGuideJune142017.pdf> - Toronto Public Health's Guide for Soil Testing in Urban Gardens

Seeds

<http://torontourbangrowers.org/seeds-and-seed-saving>

<http://seedysaturday.ca/toronto/> - local seed vendors, gardening and greening organizations, webinar recordings and a resource library (plus some fun activities for kids)

<http://seeds.ca/sw8/web/diversity/seed-saving>

Pollinator and native plant gardens

<https://foecanada.org/the-bee-cause/bee-garden-guide/> Lorraine Johnson and Sheila Colla, A Flower Patch for the Rusty-Patched Bumblebee: Creating Habitat Gardens for Native Pollinators in the Greater Toronto Area

Toronto's Pollinator Protection Strategy has information and grant programs on creating habitat for pollinators <https://www.toronto.ca/services-payments/water-environment/live-green-toronto/tips-to-create-a-pollinator-friendly-garden/>

Conflict resolution

<https://greenestcity.ca/ua-resources> Part 1 of the Conflict Resolution for Community Gardens webinar series is posted here

<https://www.sscto.ca/Conflict-Resolution-Training/Community-Mediation> - St. Stephen's Conflict Resolution training and mediation program