

Community Program Leaders: Get **FREE** vegetable garden kits for your program through **Garden-in-a-Box!**

Since 2008, **Garden-in-a-Box**—a program of the **Minnesota State Horticultural Society (MSHS)**—has been providing community groups that serve children and families in need with free raised bed vegetable garden kits.

We work with organizations across the state to connect Minnesotans with beautiful, bountiful vegetable gardens that foster an appreciation for fresh, homegrown food.

Groups have incorporated gardening into their programming for horticulture/4-H, nutrition, science, math and more. They grow a lot in a few square feet—up to 20 pounds or more per garden kit! Harvested produce is used in meals and snacks at the organization’s location or the homes of program participants. Some produce is even donated to local food shelves.

Each garden kit includes:

Raised Bed Container * **Seeds** * **Plants**

Soil and Compost * **Fertilizer** * **Fencing**

PLUS educational support on gardening and cooking, youth-friendly gardening materials, and one-on-one support.

In 2017, Garden-in-a-Box distributed **383 vegetable garden kits** to **81 groups** throughout Minnesota.



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a nonprofit organization

“None of the children had prior experience growing a garden, so each day was a new adventure. Harvesting and tasting were by far the favorite parts of the experience for the children.”

—Carolyn Henning, Hallie Q Brown Community Center

Who can join?

Garden-in-a-Box is open to **any group that primarily serves children and families experiencing poverty**. These include, but are not limited to:

- Schools with summer programs
- Community centers
- Public housing developments
- Daycare centers
- Neighborhood associations
- Food shelves
- Community Gardens



How do you join?

Please complete the **Garden-in-a-Box Program Application Form**; online and print versions can be found at northerngardener.org/garden-in-a-box. Applications will be accepted and approved from **March 1–23, 2018**.

How does it work?

After your application has been approved, you will be contacted by the Garden-in-a-Box Coordinator with more information, including your garden kit pick-up date and location.

Timeline and Important Dates:

- **March 8, 10 a.m.:** Garden-in-a-Box informational webinar and Q&A—get the signup link at northerngardener.org/mshs-events
- **April 12, 2 or 7 p.m.:** Program orientation
- **May:** Garden kit distribution days; photo confirmation of planted garden(s)
- **June-September:** Monthly educational webinars; site visits; harvest tracking
- **October:** Final evaluation



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