



BUILD A GARDEN

Spring 2023 - FALL 2023

Who can apply?

To apply you must:

- Be a resident of Binghamton, Johnson City, Endicott, or Endwell

If accepted

Spring Applicants will receive

- Three 10 gallon grow bags** filled and ready to grow in.
- Four 7 gallon grow bags** filled and ready to grow in.
- Seeds/seedlings if requested

Fall Applicants will receive

- One raised bed** filled with VINES soil and compost mix
- Seeds/seedlings if requested

How do I apply?

- ★ Fill out the entire application completely.
- ★ Apply online at vinesgardens.org/build-a-garden

OR

- ★ Mail this application to:
VINES
PO Box 3104
Binghamton NY 13902

Applications Due Dates:

Spring: Apr 25, 2023

Grow bag distribution will begin Apr 15, 2023 and will continue on a rolling basis.

Fall: Sep 4, 2023

Raised garden bed construction will begin Aug 28, 2023 and will continue on a rolling basis.

Late applications will **not** be considered.

In 2023 VINES will also offer in-ground beds:

These applications are open year round. VINES will send a team out to complete a soil analysis. If soil is free of contaminants, VINES can provide fencing material, seeds/seedlings, and help set up an in-ground bed.

If your soil is contaminated and cannot safely grow food, VINES can provide you with either a raised bed or grow bags. Soil tests are completed in the spring and summer seasons

Volunteers Improving Neighborhood Environments, INC. (VINES) is an organization committed to developing a sustainable and just community food system. We do this by bringing together diverse groups of people, with a focus on youth development, to establish community gardens, urban agriculture and community green spaces. We strive to develop and beautify urban sites and empower community members of all ages and abilities.



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Application

Please print clearly and completely

Name: _____ <i>(First and Last)</i>		Preferred Name: _____ <i>(if other than first name)</i>	
Home Address: _____ <i>(include building #, street name and apartment # if applicable)</i>		City: _____ Zip: _____	
Cell Phone: _____	Home Phone: _____	Email Address: _____	
Preferred Method of Contact (check all that apply): <input type="checkbox"/> Phone <input type="checkbox"/> Text <input type="checkbox"/> Email			
<input type="checkbox"/> Spring <i>(bags only)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Fall <i>(raised beds)</i>	Would you like to be contacted about any other Vines program? <input type="checkbox"/> Farm Share <input type="checkbox"/> Community Gardens <input type="checkbox"/> Grow Binghamton youth program <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Opportunities	
Please Check all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Single Parent Household <input type="checkbox"/> Two Parent Household <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Citizen <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed <input type="checkbox"/> WIC Participant <input type="checkbox"/> SNAP/EBT Participant <input type="checkbox"/> Disability <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above			
<p style="text-align: center;">Applicant Information</p> <p>We encourage everyone to complete this section. All personal information will be kept confidential. We use this information to track our success in serving a diverse range of people.</p> <p>1. ETHNICITY (select only one): <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Not Hispanic or Latino</p> <p>2. RACE (select one or more): <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> White</p> <p>3. ASIAN RACE (if you selected Asian above, select one or more below): <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese <input type="checkbox"/> Filipino <input type="checkbox"/> Hmong <input type="checkbox"/> Indian <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese <input type="checkbox"/> Korean <input type="checkbox"/> Laotian <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnamese <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____</p> <p>4. GENDER <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Binary <input type="checkbox"/> Transgender <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____</p> <p>5. HOUSEHOLD INCOME: <input type="checkbox"/> \$0-\$14,999 <input type="checkbox"/> \$15,000-\$24,999 <input type="checkbox"/> \$25,000-\$34,999 <input type="checkbox"/> \$35,000-\$49,999 <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000-\$74,999 <input type="checkbox"/> \$75,000-\$99,999 <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000+</p> <p>6. How many family members live in your household (including yourself)? _____ adults and _____ children (under age 18)</p>			



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Do you currently have a garden?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
<i>If yes:</i>	
<i>Are you growing directly in-ground?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
<i>Have you had your soil tested for lead?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
<i>Would you like us to conduct a free soil test?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Does your intended gardening space receive 6 hours of full sun per day or more?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
How will you water your garden? * Mark only one.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Hose attached to an outdoor water spigot	
<input type="checkbox"/> I'll fill up a watering can or bucket in the house and carry it outside to water	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	
Do you have regular access to a personal vehicle?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Has a member of your household been active in the Binghamton Youth program? *	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
<input type="checkbox"/> No	
How did you hear about this program?	
What is the best way to contact you about your application? *	
<input type="checkbox"/> Text	
<input type="checkbox"/> Phone	
<input type="checkbox"/> Email	
Please tell us why you would like to have a garden.	



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Raised Bed Application (FALL SEASON)

1. Do you have an easily accessible site in mind for your garden bed? (Bed is 4ft by 10ft, needs to go on level ground, pathway to site * needs to be relatively level & 4 feet wide for transporting materials, no steep slopes). *Check only one.*
 - Yes
 - No
 - Other: _____
2. Do you rent or own the property where your raised bed will be located? *Mark only one.*
 - Own
 - Rent
 - Other: _____
3. The Build a Garden Program is a pay what you can program- you do not have to pay anything, but if you are able to make a contribution, you will help the program serve more people. Let us know if you would like to make a contribution. *Check only one.*
 - I cannot make a contribution
 - I can make a small contribution
 - I can pay for all the materials for my garden (each garden bed is about \$215 in materials)
 - I can pay for all the materials for my garden and would like to make an additional donation
 - Other: _____