



Organic Food Gardening Course

Winter/Spring Session Dates: February 11 – March 25, 2015

Prepare for the 2015 growing season and learn best practices for growing your own food in a way that is good for you, your community, and the land.

Our 7-session, hands-on course takes you from winter into spring, showing you how to plant and nurture seeds, protect fragile seedlings, combat pests and diseases without harmful chemicals, and grow healthy, nutritious food.

This course is designed for intermediate gardeners who already have basic gardening knowledge and who are ready to take their skills to the next level!

Winter/Spring Topics Covered:

- Garden Design - crop rotation, diversity of crops, permaculture principles
- Soil Preparation – soil testing, turning beds, soil amendments, etc.
- Seed Starting & Planting, including indoor lights
- Cold Frame Construction
- Field Trip - visit winter gardens, greenhouses, and hoop houses
- Includes detailed course instruction booklet

Winter classes meet weekly INDOORS on Wednesday evenings at St. Stephen of the Incarnation Church at the corner of 16th and Newton Streets, Washington DC.

Nearest Metro station: Columbia Heights

Tuition assistance is available! See website for details.

Instructor Joe Ludes grew vegetables as a child growing up in North Carolina. He has worked with the PG County Master Gardeners; was a founder of the Walker Jones Education Campus School Garden; has led workshops for the DC learning gardens in collaboration with the State Superintendent's Office and DC Greens; and is an avid urban farmer of his half-acre lot in Hyattsville MD.



Class size is limited, so register early! Visit www.neighborhoodfarminitiative.org

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