

Learn To

# Grow Your Own Food

2017 Alameda County Master Gardener Series



## Free - Learn to Grow Workshops

2ND Saturdays, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm  
Gardens at Lake Merritt, 666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland

Join the Master Gardeners for this series of garden talks on various aspects of vegetable gardening. There will be time for solving your vegetable and ornamental problems. Bring samples from your garden and questions for our team's assistance. The format will be a 30-minute talk followed by a problem-solving session of 30+ minutes. A team of Master Gardeners on hand to help address your questions.

### May 13: GROW - Growing home garden favorites

Tomatoes are the favorite summer vegetable grown by most home gardeners, but there are so many different vegetables that grow well in our region. Today's talk will focus on getting the best results possible in our climate. Problem-solving session will follow.

### June 10: MANAGE - Safe Pest and Disease Control

This is the time of the season when pests and diseases become an issue. We'll cover how to deal with the ones most common in our area in the least toxic way, including how to encourage beneficial insects to help us out. Problem-solving session will follow.

### July 8: NURTURE - Maximize Mid-Summer Success

Time to nurture your veggies! We'll cover irrigation needs and drip system maintenance tips, if and when to use fertilizer, and do a quick pest management review. Problem solving session will follow.

### August 12: SUSTAIN - Create a Great Winter Garden

Why should you consider growing vegetables in the fall and winter? Learn about the benefits and the wide array of vegetables you can grow in the cooler months. Problem-solving session will follow.

### Sept. 9: REST - Prepare Your Garden for Winter

How to prepare your garden for winter: cleanup, protecting your perennials and your soil, crop rotation review and planting a cover crop. Learn how to integrate a cover crop into a winter vegetable garden. Problem-solving session will follow.

**Learn More at <http://acmg.ucanr.edu>**

*\$5 Parking Fee on weekends at Lake Merritt. Lines can be long to enter the park by car; consider street parking or plan ahead and walk, bike or take public transport to the workshop.*

*Bring a folding chair as seating is limited.*