

# B.C. Government's Grow Local Program: Resources



## Overview

The B.C. Government's Grow Local Program is a two-year pilot that provides funding to organization to increase the ability of British Columbians to grow food locally.

The program will focus on increasing local food supply security by supporting local citizens and communities to "grow local" by providing educational resources and hands on practical advice on how to grow their own produce, and creating a stronger value and connection for locally grown food and for the agriculture sector in B.C.

Want to learn more about growing local food? These online resources will help you Grow Local Food, Find Local Food, and Connect with Local Food Networks.

## Applications and Further Information

Please visit the Investment Agriculture Foundation of BC website for applications and more information: [www.iafbc.ca/funding-opportunities/grow-local](http://www.iafbc.ca/funding-opportunities/grow-local)

## Grow Local Food

Are you ready to grow your own food? Gardening is a skill that can be learned and refined over a lifetime. Whether you are planting a garden on your patio, your back yard, or as part of a community garden, these resources will help you get started:

### Planning & Preparing

If you are starting your garden from scratch, here is a six-step guide to getting going - <http://www.your-vegetable-gardening-helper.com/planting-a-vegetable-garden.html>

### Planting

Vegetables and fruits all have different needs. These guides on how to grow vegetables explain what soil and light conditions you need for a successful crop: <https://www.westcoastseeds.com/how-to-grow-guides/>

Match your plants to the growing conditions. These regional guides will help you know when to plant what in your area - <https://www.westcoastseeds.com/garden-resources/west-coast-seeds-planting-charts/>

## Urban Gardening Resources

Working in small spaces? This free garden planner app will help you make the best use of the space available - <http://startgrowingfood.herokuapp.com/>

From starting your garden to seed saving, and beyond. The Lifecycles Urban Agriculture Hub has compiled videos, podcasts and articles to answer your questions - <http://urbanagriculturehub.ca/resources>

## Connect with Local Food Networks

Food networks are working in communities across British Columbia to make local food more accessible. Find a food security network in your area and start making connections to support local food production. Many of these networks produce local food maps that can help you find locally grown products in your area - <http://bcfoodsecuritygateway.ca/food-security-networks-list/>