



Evanston Grows Volunteer FAQs

What to Bring / What to Wear

- Comfortable, weather-appropriate clothing (layers recommended)
 - Closed-toe shoes (sneakers or boots you don't mind getting dirty). Volunteers will be turned away if wearing sandals.
 - Reusable water bottle filled with water
 - Sun protection (hat, sunscreen, sunglasses)
 - Work gloves (optional—we can provide some if needed)
 - Rain gear, if light rain is expected
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Frequently Asked Questions

Where are the farms located?

Evanston Grows operates multiple urban farm sites throughout Evanston. [Evanston Grows Farm & Farm Stand Locations](#) – click the links in the document for exact farm locations.

What will I be doing as a volunteer?

Volunteer activities vary by season but may include:

- Planting, weeding, and watering
- Harvesting fruits and vegetables
- Preparing beds and general farm maintenance
- Supporting food distribution
- Assisting with community or educational programs

No prior farming experience is needed—just a willingness to learn and get your hands dirty!



Do I need to sign up in advance?

Yes, all volunteers must sign up ahead of time. This helps us plan projects, ensure we have enough tools, and provide a safe, organized experience. You can sign up at [EvanstonGROWS.org/volunteer](https://www.evanstongrows.org/volunteer). Please note you will need to fill out a liability waiver before you can volunteer. [Waivers can be filled out here](#).

What is the time commitment?

Most volunteer shifts are 2–3 hours long. You're welcome to sign up for as many or as few shifts as your schedule allows.

Can I volunteer as part of a group?

Yes! We welcome corporate teams, school groups, and community organizations. Group volunteer days must be scheduled in advance—please fill out the [Group Volunteer Form](#) to coordinate.

Is volunteering family-friendly?

Many of our volunteer opportunities are family-friendly. However, some tasks may not be suitable for very young children. Please check the specific volunteer listing or reach out with questions.

What happens if it rains?

We typically continue volunteering in light rain, so please dress accordingly. In the case of severe weather, we will notify you in advance if a shift is canceled or rescheduled.

Are tools and supplies provided?

Yes, we provide all necessary tools and materials. You're welcome to bring your own gloves if you prefer.



Is there training or orientation?

Yes! Our staff will provide a brief orientation and guidance at the start of each shift. We'll walk you through tasks and safety practices.

Can I earn service hours?

Absolutely. We're happy to verify volunteer hours for school, work, or community service requirements. Reach out to volunteer@evanstongrows.org to coordinate.

How does my volunteering make an impact?

Your time helps us grow fresh, culturally relevant food, support food access initiatives, and provide hands-on education for our community. Volunteers are essential to making this work possible.

Who do I contact with questions?

For additional questions, please contact: volunteer@evanstongrows.org

We're so grateful for your interest in volunteering with Evanston Grows—thank you for helping us grow a healthier, more connected community! 🌱

