

SOIL HEALTH NEWSLETTER

Happy Fall!

Hello everyone, I hope it's been a wonderful and successful growing season for you so far! As we approach the end of the season, it's the perfect time to start thinking about caring for your soil over winter.

There are a number of steps that can be taken to prevent erosion, nutrient depletion, and biologic harm during the cold months, including planting cover crops or covering empty beds with mulch; feeding organic compost regularly; practicing no-till or low-till growing; and leaving winter weeds alone.

Improving soil health can take a couple of seasons, if not longer depending on where you're starting. Adopting an over winter soil care routine will help keep your soil on track to be nutriently dense, well structured, and biologically diverse.



Get Involved!

Upcoming Events

Intro to Conservation Science

When: Wednesday, October 18 | 6 - 8 PM **Where:** City Sprouts (4002 Seward St.)

Build Your Own Worm Bin

When: Monday, November 13 | 6 - 8 PM **Where:** City Sprouts (4002 Seward St.)

Climate Change and Agriculture

When: Wednesday, November 15 | 6 - 8 PM **Where:** City Sprouts (4002 Seward St.)





SAVE THE DATE!

Urban Soil Health and Agriculture Expo

When: Saturday, January 13, 2024 | 9 - 3 PM Where: Swanson Conference Center

5730 N 30th St Bldg 22, Omaha, NE 68111

Urban/Small Scale Farm Number Information Seminar

Thursday, October 12, 2023 | 1 - 3 PM

UNO's Community Engagement Center 6400 South, University Drive Road North Room 209

A USDA Farm Number is a way to identify a plot of land as a farm for government purposes. Whether you have a small-scale or commercial production, urban or rural, there are plenty of benefits that obtaining a farm number provides.

Join City Sprouts, the City of Omaha, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, and the Farm Service Agency for a free informational seminar on:

- The City of Omaha's Urban Ag Zoning
- The City of Omaha's Vacant Lot Gardening Program
- Farm Number Requirements and How to Register
- Benefits and Programs offered by the FSA
- Benefits and Programs offered by the NRCS





Don't forget to purchase tickets for

Farm Fest 2023



Support City Sprouts' annual fundraiser while enjoying delicious food, live music, activity booths, and more!