

## Getting Started – Checklist

- Physical Requirements
  - Open Space
    - Flat land
    - Ownership - ensure you have permission to grow
  - Water Access
  - Sunlight
  - Soil test - *Offered through your local Agricultural Extension Office*
    - Test for lead
      - If lead is present, a good idea to test for other heavy metals
    - Test for nutrients and pH
      - If soil is lacking, consider amending the soil. For more information, check out our “Soil Amendment” sheet
  - Produce Storage
    - Table for harvest
    - Fridge/cold space (if not doing direct harvest to donation site)
    - Harvest bins or baskets (laundry baskets work well)
  - Equipment
    - Shovel
    - Hard rake
    - Pruners
    - Hand trowels
    - Scissors
  - Food Justice Partner - *Identify the group you will be donating produce to*
- Non-physical requirements
  - Organization approval - *Support from your host organization*
  - Budget
  - Garden plan
  - Volunteer network
  - Designation of leadership roles
- Building Food Justice Partner relationship - *Find all forms on our website*
  - Garden roles
    - Initial Partners interview
    - What to Grow survey
  - Food Justice Partner role
    - Produce capacity checklist
- Food safety checklist and training