

**CAMDEN STREET Learning Garden**

**Volunteer Information & Policies**

*ALL volunteers must have a signed waiver form prior to volunteering.*

*Children under 18 must have waiver filled out by a parent or guardian. This Waiver Form is filled out electronically online when a volunteer creates an account.*

**What to wear:**

* Please dress appropriately for garden work; this includes comfortable clothing that you don’t mind getting dirty.
* Wear closed-toe shoes. NO FLIP-FLOPS allowed.

**What to bring:**

* A personal water bottle, hat, sunscreen, and bug spray are recommended.
* We will provide gloves but you’re free to bring your own!
* Volunteers with allergies (bees, plants, etc.) should bring any medication they might need to the garden. Please alert staff of any allergies the day of.

**What you can expect during your shift:**

* Compost flipping involves shoveling partially finished compost from one bay of our Compost Kitchen into the next. This involves using shovels, pitchforks, and wheelbarrows to transport dense materials and may involve lifting heavy loads. Stop for a water break any time you want! It is important to stay hydrated.

**Facilities:**

* Bathrooms and hand washing facilities are in the office/classroom next to the garden.
* Picnic tables are available for volunteer use and are in the garden.

**Other:**

* *Camden Street Garden* is not responsible for your personal belongings.
* No pets allowed in the garden.
* If you are sick, please do not handle the food.

Volunteers must be 13 years old to volunteer. Minors 16 years old and younger must be accompanied by an adult. 1 adult / 4 youth ratio is needed to volunteer

**Weather:**

**Volunteer work at the Camden Street Garden is subject to weather conditions.**

* **Rain/Thunder/Lightning:** Rain before or during scheduled volunteer times may force the cancellation of the workday. If there is thunder and lightning, IFFS policy requires that volunteers return to their vehicles at the first sound of nearby thunder and remain in the vehicles until 30 minutes after the last thunder event.  If there is a heavy downpour, work will be canceled. We will work in light rain.
* **Heat:**  If there is a "Heat Advisory," farm work will continue, but volunteers may want to consider rescheduling their work. If a "Heat Warning" is forecast, then there will be no volunteer activities for that day.
* **Each volunteer should decide whether to work on any given day based on your personal limitations and comfort level.**