



Green City Market / Edible Gardens Tour FAQ

When is the best time of year to visit?

Green City Market is open year round, but the Edible Gardens are open only during outdoor season, May- October. Tours can be scheduled on Wednesdays, Thursdays (only tours of the Edible Gardens available), and Saturdays between 9:30am and 12pm. If you would like to schedule a tour of the Indoor Market, please contact admin@greencitymarket.org.

What kinds of opportunities does Green City Market offer for school groups?

Schools can take advantage of a three part Field Trip at Green City Market: a hands-on activity and tour of our Edible Gardens, a tasting table with seasonal market products, and a guided tour of the Green City Market and its vendors. Field trips consist of: a guided tour of Green City Market, an introduction to the composting program, meet-and-greet sessions with local farmers, seasonal tastings and concludes with an interactive walk-through of the Edible Gardens. In the Edible Gardens, visitors enjoy tasting seasonal produce and hands-on garden activities.

The Edible Gardens is our 5,000 square foot organic garden located at the Farm-in-the-Zoo at the Lincoln Park Zoo. One of our two gardens is dedicated to growing heirloom plants. Our heirloom garden features many of the products that GCM vendors are growing on their farms in order to protect and cultivate these varieties. Depending on the time of year, activities in the garden range from sowing and planting at the beginning of the season; tending, pruning, and staking at the middle of the season; and harvesting and seed saving at the end of the season.

The seasonal tasting offers students an opportunity to taste some of the products offered at Green City Market from local farmers.

How do I plan my field trip?

Please visit <http://greencitymarket.org/programs/program.asp?id=11> and submit an application to book a field trip. Contact ediblegardens@greenvitymarket.org with any questions regarding scheduling.

What is the cost for a field trip?

All tours of Green City Market and the Edible Gardens are free of charge.

How many chaperones are required for school groups?

One chaperone is required for every 10 students, although one for every five is recommended.

What happens after I submit my applications?

Green City Market staff will try to schedule your trip for your first chosen date. If that date is not available, they will schedule your trip for your second or third choice or reach out to select a different date. You will receive a confirmation email containing details about your visit.