

Help Bring Oysters Back!

Become an Oyster Gardener

Oysters restore waterways and filter up to 50 gallons of water a day. They also provide key habitat for fish, shellfish, and plants. Help increase local oyster populations by becoming a volunteer oyster gardener—it's a low-maintenance and fun family activity.

An oyster gardener raises baby oysters for one year in cages that are suspended from docks. Check out the steps below!



Step 1: Register for a seminar at cbf.org/vaostergardening.



Step 2: Attend a new gardener workshop.



Step 3: Suspend your cages of oysters from your dock.



Step 4: Every few weeks, spend an hour cleaning your cages.



Step 5: When your cages fill up (like this), it is time to split them.



Step 6: After a year of growing, return your oysters at a Round-Up.



Step 7: CBF plants your grown oysters on sanctuary reefs.



Step 8: The local oyster population flourishes.

New Gardener Seminars 2017

Virginia Beach: June 9, 9:00–11:00 a.m.

Norfolk: June 20, 6:00–8:00 p.m.

Eastern Shore: June 13, 6:00–8:00 p.m.

Newport News: June 22, 6:00–8:00 p.m.

Middle Peninsula: June 17, 9:00–11:00 a.m.

Northern Neck: June 24, 9:00–11:00 a.m.

Hampton: June 27, 6:00–8:00 p.m.

For more information and to sign up:

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