



## Event Schedule for 2019

*Join us at the Orchard for cider pressings and other fun events!  
 Located at the Edmonton Intercultural Centre 9538 - 107 Avenue.*

Sign up as a member to our organization at <http://operationfruitrescue.org> to get access to locally grown fruit. As a member you will have the opportunity to attend many fruit picks over the summer season.

- Learn how to utilize fruit grown in the city by attending a workshop
- Press your own apples and learn how to make cider.
- Meet like-minded individuals.
- Give back to your community (a portion of the fruit from each pick goes to local nonprofits and charities to help give back to the community that supports us and those in need).

**OFRE is volunteer driven. In order to make these events happen, we need volunteers to assist us. Most events are only a few hours long and we will require at least one volunteer at most events. Want to help out? Let us know by sending us an email to [info@operationfruitrescue.org](mailto:info@operationfruitrescue.org).**

### ***OFRE is hosting or participating in the following events:***

MONTH	DATE	DETAILS
	<b>ON-GOING</b>	<b><i>Fruit harvests</i></b> *Sign up as a member at <b><i>operationfruitrescue.org</i></b> to attend fruit picks around the city. Common harvests include: apples, crab apples, cherries (multiple varieties), apricots, saskatoons and pears.
<b>MARCH</b>	March 17, Sunday	<b><i>Seedy Sunday 11am - 4pm</i></b> <b><i>Lions Seniors Recreation Centre 11113 - 113 street</i></b> Come get some seeds for your summer garden. Talk with local garden experts about their favourite varieties, maybe even try something new this year. There is free parking at the north end of the building and entrance is free or by donation. Accessible by ETS and walking/bike paths.
<b>APRIL</b>	April 14, Sunday	<b><i>Operation Fruit Rescue Edmonton Annual General Meeting. Edmonton Intercultural Centre</i></b> <b><i>9538 - 107 ave. 12:30 - 3pm</i></b> Want to get more involved in your community. Come learn about our organization and find out how you can help. We are now looking for new board members to add to our



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		team as well as summer event volunteers. Bring a dish for the lunch potluck. Free parking outside the school.
APRIL	April 27th, Saturday	<p><b>Resilience Festival hosted by the Edmonton Permaculture Guild</b>  <b>Waldorf Independent School of Edmonton</b>  <b>7211 - 96a Ave NW</b></p> <p>OFRE in collaboration with YEG cider together will be hosting a cider pressing, fermentation and pasteurization. Over 40 vendors and workshops will be at this festival. For more event details and to sign up visit the resilience festival website.</p>
	April 30th, Tuesday	<p><b>Tree Pruning Workshop</b></p> <p>Come join OFRE as we teach you how to prune your tree. Under the guidance of a certified Master Arborist, we can show you how to prune for shape, maximum yield, and best time to prune.</p>
MAY	May 26th, Sunday	<p><b>Orchard Opening - Planting Annuals &amp; Perennials and Grafting Workshop</b>  <b>12am - 3pm</b></p> <p>Check out the orchard and see what taking care of it is all about! We will be planting annual flowers, tomatoes and more in our raised beds. We will have <b>pruning</b> and <b>grafting</b> demonstrations by arborist Jordan Sykes, Alex McCormick and permaculturalist Marcin Makarewicz. Join us for this wonderful afternoon of learning and fun! Bring a pair of gloves and closed toed shoes are mandatory.          family friendly event!          Eventbrite through Edmonton Permaculture Page.</p>
JUNE	June 2nd, Sunday	<p><b>Queers in the Orchard - 12-4pm</b></p> <p><i>kick off pride month in style. Enjoy an afternoon of planting, picnic-ing and fun in the orchard. Strawberries and asparagus will be planted in the orchard. Engage and build the community together.</i>  <i>This event is family friendly.</i>          Eventbrite through Edmonton Permaculture Page</p>
	June 22, Saturday	<p><b>Rhubarb blitz</b></p> <p>With Prairie North Cider: car-pool to maximize rhubarb harvesting.</p>



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JUNE	June 23, Sunday	<p><b>Apple Maggot Control Workshop 2pm – 3pm</b> Join us at the orchard for an information session about the most prevalent pest that targets your apple trees. Learn how to take action and keep your apples and fruit healthy.</p>
JULY	July 13, Sunday	<p><b>Espalier Workshop 9am – 12pm</b> Want to learn how to espalier your fruit trees? Join us at the orchard and learn how to do it yourself. With special guest Dustin Bajer</p>
	July 21, Sunday	<p><b>Training for volunteers on how to use the cider pressing equipment. 12-1</b> Come learn how to use the presser and the crusher. Learn and volunteer for an event and you will receive a complimentary membership.</p>
	July 21, Sunday	<p><b>Picker training at the orchard 1-2pm</b> <i>learn all the tips and tricks on best to pick fruit, walk through the OFRE procedures on how to pick fruit safely. This is great for new members who have never been on a pick, or someone who want meet fellow pickers</i></p>
AUGUST	August 11, Sunday	<p><b>Cider pressing and orchard maintenance 1 - 4pm</b> Bring your apples from the previous weeks' picks and go home with your own cider. Come see what taking care of the orchard is about.</p>
	August 17 and 18, Friday & Saturday	<p><b>Open Farm Days</b> See, hear, smell and taste Alberta! From forest grains to berries to wine to fresh honey to jams and pickles, Alberta Open Farm Days will be a unique way to experience real farm life and see where your food comes from. Meet farmers! Taste local foods directly from the source. OFRE will be doing a press demonstration, please do not bring your apples. They send OFRE an email. We do every other year. From northlands, not contacted.</p>
	August 24, Saturday	<p><b>Gargantuan Potluck with Edmonton Permaculture Guild</b> <b>5 p.m with workshop starting at noon (drop in).</b> Join us for an informal potluck in the orchard and learn about the Permaculture Guild. Bring your favorite dish for the potluck as well as your cup, plate and utensils. We will also be doing some workshops on the orchard from noon till 5pm. Drop in to learn and help out.</p>



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	August 25, Sunday	<b>Cider Pressing and Orchard Maintenance 1-4pm</b> Bring your apples from the previous weeks' picks and go home with your own cider. Come see what taking care of the orchard is about
	TBA	<b>Edmonton Bloom Awards</b>  Join us to celebrate the generous contributions of volunteers, gardeners, businesses, sponsors, and community organizers who work hard to beautify our city. OFRE will be presenting an award.
SEPT.	Sept 8, Sunday	<b>Cider pressing and orchard maintenance 1 - 4pm</b> Bring your apples from the previous weeks' picks and go home with your own cider. Join us at the orchard.
	Sept 15, Sunday	<b>Fruit Growers Festival at the Devonian Botanical Gardens 11am - 3pm.</b> Sample the abundance of fruits that can be grown right here in the northern garden. Experts from the Fruit Growers Association will be on hand to answer your questions about fruit growing in Alberta. OFRE will be on site doing a cider press demonstration. Please do not bring your fruit.
	Sept 21, Saturday	<b>Community League Day</b> Celebrating Edmonton community leagues that brings volunteers and community together. Details to follow as to where OFRE will be!
	Sept 22, Sunday	<b>Cider pressing and orchard maintenance 1 - 4pm</b> Bring your apples from the previous weeks' picks and go home with your own cider. Join us at the orchard.
	TBD	<b>Canning workshop 12:30 - 4pm</b> Learn how to transform your fruit into jam in this hands-on workshop, and go home with jams and recipes. More details to follow.
OCTOBER	Oct 6, Sunday	<b>Cider pressing and Winterizing the Orchard</b> Bring your apples from the previous weeks' picks and go home with your own cider. Join us at the orchard for the last pressing of the season and winterizing the orchard.
	TBD	<b>Sauerkraut workshop</b> The clareview community league is teaming up with OFRE for a sauerkraut workshop. Come learn how to make this





		healthy side dish. More details to follow.
<b>NOV.</b>	Nov 4, 2019 <sup>t</sup>	<p><b><i>Volunteer appreciation party!</i></b>            Join us for an informal gathering to celebrate all the volunteers that make OFRE possible!</p>

To get notifications for these events and for all the details, please join us at [operationfruitrescue.org](http://operationfruitrescue.org) and follow us on Facebook: [OFRE - Operation Fruit Rescue Edmonton](#).