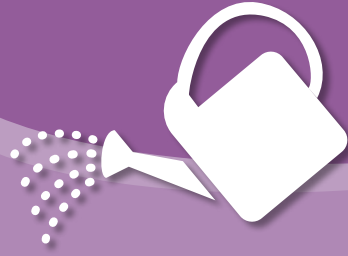


Gardens at Schools



School gardens

can provide one of the most immediate and satisfying way for students to encounter and learn about nature. And what other school activity requires kids to get dirty?



Master Gardener Program, University of California Extension Services

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Walk-in plant advice: 1555 Berger Drive, Building 2, San José, CA 95112

(408) 299-2638

(408) 282-3105 Monday to Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

(650) 329-1356 Fridays only from 1-4 p.m. except in winter

Email your questions to www.mastergardeners.org/email.html

www.mastergardeners.org/links.html

www.mastergardeners.org/scc.html

Gardening Hotline and tips, videos and publications, classes for elementary, secondary and high schools, diagnosis, events, and expert advice providing answers to gardening questions. Staffed by Master Gardeners who are trained volunteers.

Master Composters Home Composting Educational Program County of Santa Clara

1735 N. First Street, Suite 308, San José, CA 95113

Rotline: (408) 918-4640

sarah.smith@era.co.santa-clara.ca.us

compost@pln.sccgov.org

www.reducewaste.org

Offers compost bins with worms, initial trainings, ongoing assistance, and follow-up visits to check bin health.

A Child's Garden of Standards

www.cde.ca.gov/re/pn/fd/documents/childsgarden.pdf

California Department of Education's 112 page guide linking School Gardens to California Education Standards including specific activities for standards in science, history, social science, mathematics, and English — language arts for Grades Two through Six. Based on former Superintendent of Schools' Delaine Eastin's 2003 call for a garden in every California school.



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Greening Public Schoolyards

www.sfbeautiful.org/civic_initiatives/greeningpublicschoolyards.html

55 Page on-line Resource Directory for the Bay Area.

The Watershed Project

1327 South 46th Street
155 Richmond Field Station
Richmond, CA 94804
(510) 665-3546

info@thewatershedproject.org

[www.thewatershedproject.org/default/`](http://www.thewatershedproject.org/default/)

The Watershed Project offers workshops on gardens, creeks, and healthy alternatives to commonly used toxic products for teachers, youth group leaders, camp counselors, and anyone who works with school age children. All curricula are correlated to California standards. Full day school garden workshops include Kids in Gardens, Green Schools, Green Gardens — Healthy Schools Inside & Out, Garden Day. Half day workshops include Compost: Green Waste to Gardener's Gold, Getting Started Garden Design, Groceries from the Garden, Watching for Wildlife, More than your Standard Garden.

Life Lab Science Program

1156 High Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95064
(831) 459-2001

www.lifelab.org

The Garden Classroom & the CASFS Farm are open every day of the year 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Since 1979, Life Lab Science Program has been supporting science and garden-based education through publications, professional development, and innovative programs. The organization helps schools develop gardens where children can create "living laboratories" for the study of the natural world. Numerous school garden workshops are offered: Creating Gardens for Learning, the Growing Classroom, and more. Life Lab along with the UC Santa Cruz Center for Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems co-manages the two-acre Garden Classroom overlooking the Monterey Bay. In the Garden Classroom teachers and students learn about plants, nutrition, nature, weather, organic gardening, life cycles and decomposition. The site features many different learning areas including a wildlife habitat, plant petting zoo, outdoor kitchen, fruiting trees and bushes, vegetable food crops, a pond and Rot Zone.

Roots and Shoots Garden

www.rootsnshoots.info/handbook.asp

Step-by-step 200 page guide includes:

- A notebook binder format for easy duplication of materials and addition of your own ideas.
- 200+ pages of useful, how-to information, detailed lesson plans for each grade covering natural science, literature, music, art, and math, with templates and samples for class projects and publicity pieces.
- Detailed designs, planting, equipment and structures for each of the seven theme gardens.
- Suggestions for ways to involve school staff, students, volunteers, and community organizations.
- Ways to get started, how to recruit and train volunteers, fund raising strategies, and how to create effective publicity.

San Francisco Beautiful

www.sfbeautiful.org/civic_initiatives/greeningpublicschoolyards.html

Contains a 2006 Green Schoolyard Alliance Resource Directory with information to help communities green their school grounds while providing hands-on learning opportunities for children.

KidsGardening.Com — National Gardening Association

www.kidsgardening.com/

Free e-newsletter, grants, Resource Directory, online Teachers' Course, Parents' Primer, classroom stories and activities, School Greenhouse Guide, curricula, awards, and much more.

Plant a Salad Garden

www.teacher.scholastic.com/lessonrepro/lessonplans/ect/saladgar.htm

Classroom activity for ages 4-5, for children to develop science concepts, language, and social skills as they work together to plant a container vegetable garden.

Plant a Garden, Help a Child Grow — From National Wildlife Federation

www.nwf.org/nationalwildlife/article.cfm?issueID=107&articleID=1354

16 Tips for developing a child's green thumb and appreciation of nature.