

## GARDEN-BASED NUTRITION EDUCATION RESOURCES

You may **not** use any of your Network Award funds (including Professional Expert pay and logged time) to purchase gardening material. However, we have developed numerous partnerships to support nutrition education through school gardening.

### Los Angeles Unified School District

**Network for a Healthy California—LAUSD** ([www.healthylaasd.net](http://www.healthylaasd.net)) (818) 609-2550

**Saturday in the Nutrition/Garden Workshop Series:** Sign-up to participate in a variety of **free** garden-based nutrition education workshops and receive useful resources for your classroom and school garden. Workshops for 2009-2010 take place at the *Network* Office Demonstration Garden. **Salary point credit or training rate pay is available.**

**California School Garden Network Los Angeles** ([www.csgn.org](http://www.csgn.org))

Join the Los Angeles chapter of the California School Garden Network, dedicated to supporting school gardens throughout the Los Angeles region. Participate in quarterly meetings at local school and horticulture sites. CSGN is in partnership with the *Network*, UCCE Common Ground, Western Growers Association and California School Garden Network.

**Los Angeles Urban Systemic Program (LAUSP)**

([www.lausd.k12.ca.us/lausd/offices/last/frame/last.html](http://www.lausd.k12.ca.us/lausd/offices/last/frame/last.html)) (213) 241-6420

Conducts professional development workshops, networking, material resources and helps to recruit volunteer assistance for nutrition-oriented school gardens. **FREE.**

**Maintenance & Operations Facilities Services Division (Gardening & Trees)** (213) 763-0352

([www.mo.laschools.org/fis/existing-facilities/m-and-o/](http://www.mo.laschools.org/fis/existing-facilities/m-and-o/))

Provides landscape maintenance on all school facilities. Can assist with plot clearing, tree trimming, and occasionally roto-tilling. Can also provide free mulch from tree trimmings. **FREE.**

**City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works Bureau of Sanitation** (<http://lacity.org/san/>)

(800) 974-9794

Numerous resources for compost and mulch (small quantities can be picked up at regional facilities; large quantities over 15 cubic yards can be delivered). Opportunities for field trips, composting workshops and purchasing low-cost bins. Best way to access information is via their Web site.

**FREE**

**Environment LA (formerly Environmental Affairs Department)** ([www.lacity.org/ead/environmentla/](http://www.lacity.org/ead/environmentla/))

(213) 978-0888

LA City “One Million Trees” Program.

**City Councilmembers** ([www.lacity.org](http://www.lacity.org))

District offices have their own budgets and can provide funding for school gardens as well as free bus transportation for field trips. **FREE**

**Los Angeles Conservation Corps** ([www.lacorps.org](http://www.lacorps.org)) (213) 749-3601

**Los Angeles Environmental Awareness Program (LEAP).** Conducts classroom instruction on environmental education and adopts physical projects on campuses that have environmental themes: tree planting, garden construction or rehabilitation, wildlife habitat creation, murals, etc.

**FREE**

**Clean and Green.** Student volunteers for City of LA-based clean-ups, tree plantings, murals, and other environmental projects. **FREE**

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## State of California

### California School Garden Network ([www.csgn.org](http://www.csgn.org))

The California School Garden Network is a collaborative effort of a number of educational institutions and corporate partners committed to enhancing learning through the use of teaching gardens in schools and other community settings. Their Web site is a definite go-to for any garden-related information, lesson plans, professional development, resources and grants throughout the state of California. Order the **FREE** publication, "Gardens for Learning" and accompanying standards connection.

### California Integrated Waste Management Board ([www.ciwmb.ca.gov](http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov)) (562) 492-9347

**California Materials Exchange (CalMAX)**. Resource exchange service via web and quarterly periodical. Conducts composting and vermicomposting workshops, provides education resources, and some funding opportunities. Best way to access information is via their Web site. **FREE**

### California Department of Education ([www.cde.ca.gov](http://www.cde.ca.gov)) (916) 323-2473

Provides resources, lesson plans, and other curricular connections to school gardening. For more information about the "Garden in Every School" program and to download "A Child's Garden of Standards" for **FREE**, please contact the Nutrition Services Division, California Department of Education, at [www.cde.ca.gov/ls/nu/he/garden.asp](http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/nu/he/garden.asp).

### University of California Cooperative Extension Common Ground Master Gardener Program (323) 838-4543 (<http://celosangeles.ucdavis.edu/>)

Extensive seed collection, technical brochures and handouts, technical assistance, Master Gardener volunteers and professional development. **FREE**

## Other Educational Resources for Nutrition Gardening

### California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom ([www.cfaitc.org](http://www.cfaitc.org)) (800) 700-AITC

Numerous resources for connecting agriculture to curriculum. Publishes an extensive Teacher Resource Guide, holds an annual conference, produces several publications on agricultural products, creates lesson plans that align to state standards, and conducts agricultural literacy contests for students. All programs are accessible from their Web site. **FREE**

### EAT (Education & Agriculture Together) Foundation (559) 707-8823

EAT Foundation offers educational experiences for teachers through either conferences of spending a few days working on a real farm.

### National Gardening Association (NGA) ([www.kidsgardening.com](http://www.kidsgardening.com)) (800) 538-7476

Educational resources, online courses, activities and events. Catalogue of instructional materials, tools, kits, and other gardening and science items. Has several grant programs including "Youth Garden Grants," "Healthy Sprouts Awards," "Organic Garden Grants" and more. See their Web site for applications and additional information. Useful email newsletter with lesson plans.

### Cornell University

**Garden-Based Learning** ([www.hort.cornell.edu/gbl/](http://www.hort.cornell.edu/gbl/)) Web site has educational Gardening resources for teachers, volunteers and parents.

**Garden Mosaics** ([www.gardenmosaics.cornell.edu/](http://www.gardenmosaics.cornell.edu/)) Web site, curriculum and network connecting high-school age students and elders to investigate the mosaic of plants, people and cultures in gardens. Useful reproducible science pages.

### Nutrition in the Garden Texas A&M (<http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/nutrition/index>)

Web site explores garden-based nutrition education.

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## Nutrition Gardening Grants & Contributors

**Community Beautification Fund** ([www.laocb.org](http://www.laocb.org)) (213) 978-0228

Provides mini-grants for City of LA-based neighborhood improvement projects up to \$10,000. For information on applications and deadlines for submission, go to their Web site. **FREE**

**Growing with Children** [www.wga.com](http://www.wga.com) (949) 885-2259

Apply for a grant of up to \$1,500 to purchase supplies needed to install a school garden, as well as additional resources. Applications must be postmarked by September 1<sup>st</sup> each year. *In partnership with Western Growers Charitable Foundation.* **FREE**

**Captain Planet Foundation** [www.captainplanetfdn.org](http://www.captainplanetfdn.org) (404) 522-4270

Funds and supports hands-on environmental projects for children, including school nutrition gardens. Apply for a grant through the Web site; annual deadlines are in September, March and December. **FREE**

**California Fertilizer Foundation** ([www.calfertilizer.org/](http://www.calfertilizer.org/))

Teachers interested in starting or expanding a school garden are invited to apply for one of 24 CFF School Garden Grants of \$1,000 plus educational materials.

**California School Garden Network Grant Listings** ([www.csqn.org/page.php?id=30](http://www.csqn.org/page.php?id=30))

Visit CSGN.org to read about recent grant and funding opportunities for your school garden.

**KidsGardening.com Grant Listings** ([www.kidsgardening.com](http://www.kidsgardening.com))

Visit KidsGardening.com and subscribe to the Kids Garden News Online Newsletter to read about free classroom resources and funding opportunities. View their current and past e-newsletters to find many grant offerings.

**Lowes Outdoor Classroom Grants** ([www.lowes.com/lowes/lkn?action=topicSelect&topic=aboutLowes](http://www.lowes.com/lowes/lkn?action=topicSelect&topic=aboutLowes))

Provides grants of up to \$2,000 for school gardens that promote outdoor, hands-on science education to students in grades K-12 and assist schools in enhancing their core curriculum in all subjects.

**Orchard Supply Hardware**

([www.osh.com/Cultures/enUS/EventsPromotions/OSHSchoolGardenProgram.htm](http://www.osh.com/Cultures/enUS/EventsPromotions/OSHSchoolGardenProgram.htm))

Provides grants up to \$1,000 for the creation of school gardens.

**Please share these opportunities with all participants at your school  
who are interested in garden-based nutrition education.**

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