

Nutrition Gardens Resources

You may **not** use any of your *Network Award* funds to purchase gardening material. However, we have developed numerous partnerships to support nutrition education through school gardening.

If you are eager to learn more about gardening check out the following websites. Have a great resource that's not listed here? Tell us about it! Please e-mail info@healthylausd.net.

California Department of Education (916) 324-9749

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.

California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle)

Information on the benefits, resources, and funding needed to start a school garden.

California Fertilizer Foundation

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 Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom (800) 700-2482

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**

California School Garden Network Los Angeles

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.

Center for Ecoliteracy (510) 845-4595

Website dedicated to the school garden movement. Provides numerous resources on statistics and resources on school gardens and green sustainability. Gives information on conferences and webinars, and access to downloadable resource materials and connects school gardening to classroom curriculum.

City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works Bureau of Sanitation (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**

Community Beautification Fund (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**

Community Garden

Gives information on how to start school gardens, resources that are available, and finding sustainable materials for gardens. **FREE**

Cornell University

Garden-based learning Web site has educational Gardening resources for teachers, volunteers and students.

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

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

Environmental Media Association

Network that sponsors schools who want gardens. Lists supporters of school gardens and provides information on how to get started. **FREE**

Farm to School

Connects schools (K-12) and local farms with the objectives of serving healthy meals in school cafeterias, improving student nutrition, providing agriculture, health and nutrition education opportunities, and supporting local and regional farmers.

Green Education Foundation

Sponsors green challenges for schools to create school gardens. Conducts contests & pledges for gardening in schools. **FREE**

Home Depot

Provides grants of up to \$5,000 to nonprofits, including public schools, to support volunteers build school gardens & outdoor educational classrooms. Application window is six months. **FREE**

Hometown Seeds

Specializes in high-quality seeds for school gardens. A 20% off code for all *Network* schools is **laUSD**. NOTE: *Network* Award funds cannot be used to purchase garden materials such as seeds.

Los Angeles Conservation Corps (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**

Los Angeles Unified School District Bulletin

Using School Gardens as an Instructional Tool (REF-4441.0)

Lowe's Outdoor Classroom Grants

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.

Million Trees L.A.

City of Los Angeles aiming to plant one million trees, giving special attention to public schools and underserved areas.

National Gardening Association (NGA) (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.

Network for a Healthy California—LAUSD (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 2011-2012 take place at the *Network* Office Demonstration Garden. **Salary point credit or training rate pay is available.**

Nutrition in the Garden Texas A&M

Web site explores garden-based nutrition education.

School Garden Network

Collaboration of school gardening individuals dedicated to the creation and support of sustainable garden and nutrition-based learning programs for students in Sonoma County. Promotes students' life-long dedication to the environment and hands-on learning through growing fruits and vegetables.

School Garden Weekly

Online newsletter dedicated to the creation & maintenance of school gardens in the Los Angeles area. Information on local workshops & classes, how-tos, and instructions. Included articles, videos pictures. **FREE**

University of California Cooperative Extension Common Ground Master Gardener Program

(323) 260-3407

Join email list for social networking and sharing of green resources. Learn about gardening events and request information.

Western Growers (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 1st each year. *In partnership with Western Growers Charitable Foundation.* **FREE**

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