



Gardening resources for schools

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General resources and educational opportunities

Greenhearted.org

Ideas about integrating school gardens into education about sustainability

[Kids Gardening](#)

Resources about garden projects, lessons, and grants
Sign up online to receive a free monthly email update

[King County Go, Green Team! Blog](#)

April 10, 2014 blog posting about steps to creating a school garden

[King County Master Gardener Foundation](#)

Resources about gardening along with instructional videos, plant tips, descriptions of demonstration gardens, and news about plant sales

[Natural Yard Care](#)

Includes five steps to natural yard care

National Wildlife Federation [Schoolyard Habitats](#)

Information and resources about creating Schoolyard Habitats

[Oxbow Farm and Conservation Center](#)

Carnation, Washington farms offers an education center that teaches young children about organic farming and environmental conservation. Oxbow children can see firsthand where their food comes from, where salmon spawn, and understand why we need to protect both. Other programs: Field trips for preschool to 5th grade students that

teach about the six plant parts (roots, stems, leaves, flowers, fruits and seeds), soil, beneficial insects, worms at work; a tour for middle and high school students; and Farmer-in-the-School classroom workshops about how healthy people need to eat healthy plants grown in healthy soil.

[REAL School Gardens](#)

Creates learning gardens in low-income schools and trains teachers how to use learning gardens to improve student engagement and academic achievement

[School Garden Wizard](#)

Downloadable resources that take you through every step from making the case for your school-based garden to keeping it going once it is established

[Seattle Tilth](#)

Gardening programs offered by Seattle Tilth including tours and educator workshops

USDA Blog – [Start a School Garden](#)

Recommendations on how to create a school garden

[Washington Farm to School](#)

Information about school gardens including links to additional resources, information about food safety in the garden, recipes and nutrition facts for serving Washington-grown food in schools

[Washington State University \(WSU\) King County Extension](#)

Free expert gardening advice and resources; connects schools with master gardeners

[Food \\$ense Nutrition Education](#)

Washington State University extension program provides teaching resources on healthy eating for youth and adults with limited incomes. Families learn nutrition basics and smart buying strategies to help them make healthy choices and sustain their food supply throughout the month. WSU Food \$ense is funded by a federal grant from the USDA's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. Schools that provide free and reduced meals to at least fifty percent of their students qualify for Food \$ense programs. In King County, the programs currently assist schools in Auburn, Highline, Kent, and Renton school districts.

Garden pest management

[Integrated Pest Management \(IPM\) in schools](#)

Information from Washington State University (WSU) about IPM in schools

[IPMopedia](http://www.toxipedia.org/display/ipmopedia/IPM+Education+Project) - <http://www.toxipedia.org/display/ipmopedia/IPM+Education+Project>

Integrated pest management advice, design tips for edible gardens, and information on backyard gardening

[Pesticide Alternatives Worksheet](#)

A worksheet that tests student's knowledge of pesticide labeling and safer gardening alternatives

[Washington State University Hortense](#)

Information about specific plants, how to grow them, and how to deal with pests

Yard Talk

<http://www.kingcounty.gov/environment/stewardship/nw-yard-and-garden/yard-talk.aspx>.

Also on [King County Television](#) (KCTV) - Natural gardening show that demonstrates how to easily care for yards and gardens in a way that's good for people, pets and the environment

Grants

[The Fruit Tree Planting Foundation](#)

Visit [resource guide](#) that includes information about grants. Nonprofit dedicated to planting edible, fruitful trees and plants to benefit the environment and all its inhabitants. Primary mission is to plant and help others plant a collective total of 18 billion fruit trees across the world (approximately three trees for every person alive) and to encourage their growth under organic standards. Provides support, resources, and guidance for those interested in planting fruit trees and spearheads a variety of planting programs aimed at enriching the environment, providing nutritious food sources for wild and rescued animals, and improving human health by bringing fresh, locally grown raw fruits and vegetables of the highest quality into the lives of all people.

Visit <https://kidsgardening.org/garden-grants/> for a list of grants from Home Depot, Lowes, and others

[King County Green Team mini-grants](#)

Grants are available for school Green Teams in King County outside Seattle for projects that have a focus on conservation of resources. Gardening projects usually incorporate composting or other ways to prevent waste. School teams are encouraged to educate the whole student body about waste reduction behaviors.

[King County Hazards on the Homefront grant](#)

Offers grants for teachers in King County who have attended the Hazards on the Homefront workshop. Website outlines grant criteria and describes grant-funded projects.

[King County Wastewater Treatment Division grants](#)

Offers grants for storm water bio retention/bio filtration projects such as rain gardens

[Seattle Green Tables Food and Nutrition](#), Les Dames d'Escoffier, Seattle Chapter

Offers grants to eligible organizations in Washington State for innovative solutions to providing healthy meals in schools, early learning and exposure to the garden-to-table (cafeteria) cycle, and education about cooking simple, healthy meals.

[Wild Ones: Seeds for Education Grant](#)

Offers native plant grants and helps locate experts and information specific to your area and garden project

Native plants

[Native Plant Resources for the Pacific Northwest](#)

Includes a guide to plants and a list of resources with links to the Washington Native Plant Society that has a slide show, local plant sales, how-to articles, and landscaping ideas

[Washington Native Plant Society](#)

Offers resources on Washington's native plants and is an electronic platform for people to share their interest in such plants

Sample garden projects

[South Whidbey School District's Farm and Garden Program](#)

In 2013-14, the [Fresh Food on the Table](#) program was developed in partnership with Chartwells to enable school garden spaces to be used for growing and delivering produce to the school lunch programs at South Whidbey Academy, Langley Middle School, and South Whidbey Elementary School. South Whidbey School District is the first in the nation to do this successfully.

[St. Luke School native plant garden project](#)

A report about St. Luke School's successful school garden which received funding from King County's Hazard on the Homefront mini grant program

Soil testing

[King Conservation District](#)

Offers free soil testing for nutrients

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