

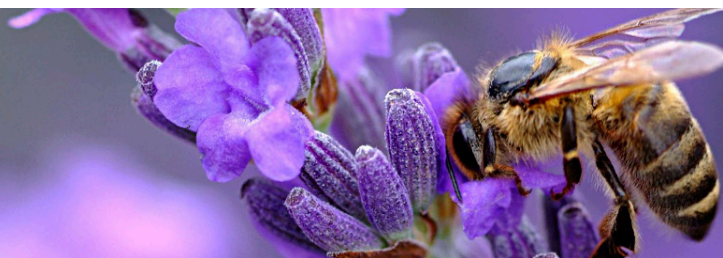
I WANT TO START A SCHOOL GARDEN

Where Do I Begin?

Below are a few tips about getting support, planning for a school garden, creating a budget, and finding funding. Once your garden is growing, be sure to check out our Nature Works Everywhere (<https://www.natureworkseverywhere.org/resources/>) videos, lesson plans, and garden activity guides that will help you teach your students the science behind how nature works for people!

{ Getting Started }

- 🐞 Watch the Nature Works Everywhere How-to-Garden video **Planning Your Garden** (<https://vimeo.com/91446626>).
- 🐞 Watch Nature Works Everywhere How-to-Garden video **Build a Garden in a Day** (<http://vimeo.com/91445078>).
- 🐞 Use the **Plant for Success Guide** (<http://www.growtolearn.org/wp-content/uploads/Garden-Vision-Planning-Guide.pdf>) from Grow to Learn NYC to guide you through building community support, creating a vision, fundraising, creating a garden calendar, and making a press release about your garden project.
- 🐞 See this **Creating and Sustaining Your School Garden** book from Western Growers Foundation (<http://www.westerngrowersfoundation.org/>). This resource (<http://bit.ly/1SiSyZo>) is for Arizona, but the basic principles are applicable to all gardens.
- 🐞 Learn from **Kids Gardening** (<http://www.kidsgardening.org/node/11449>) how to plan a sustainable school garden by building a team encouraging active student participation.
- 🐞 Read **Kids Gardening's** (<http://www.kidsgardening.org/node/11451>) advice on determining a place for the garden and conducting a site analysis.



- 🐞 Learn about planting and soil preparation from **Kids Gardening**. (<http://www.kidsgardening.org/node/11452>).
- 🐞 Use the **Nature Works Everywhere Garden Design** (https://www.natureworkseverywhere.org/#garden_design) tools to help you design your garden.

{ Supplies and Budgeting }

- 🐞 Use the **Green Education Foundation's Budget Calculator** (<http://www.greeneducationfoundation.org/greenthumbchallengesub/how-to-participate-gtc/start-up-kit/get-ready-plan-your-garden/707-gef-budget-calculator>) to determine costs.
- 🐞 Download a detailed supply list from **Monterey County Farm to School Partnership** (http://csgn.org/sites/csgn.org/files/garden_budget_1.pdf).

{ Where's the Money? – Finding Grants }

- 🐞 Read **Kids Gardening's** (<http://www.kidsgardening.org/node/3954>) general tips on finding funding.
- 🐞 **National Gardening Association (NGA) Grants Page** (<http://grants.kidsgardening.org/>). Sign up for their newsletter to be alerted of new grant opportunities.
- 🐞 **Edible Schoolyard Project** (<http://edibleschoolyard.org/resource/fundraising-sources-dollars>) has a downloadable PDF of potential funding sources.
- 🐞 **California School Garden Network** (<http://www.csgn.org/grants>) provides grants of their own, but also has a list of grants from other sources.
- 🐞 **The American Academy of Dermatology's Shade Structure Grant** (<http://www.aad.org/spot-skin-cancer/what-we-do/shade-structure-grant-program>) provides grants to organizations that are committed to sun safety.
- 🐞 **Whole Kids Foundation** (<https://www.wholekidsfoundation.org/schools/programs/school-garden-grant-program>) provides \$2000 grants to food education gardens at K-12 schools. They also have a newsletter for future grant opportunities.
- 🐞 **Annie's Grants-for-Gardens** (<http://www.annies.com/giving-back/school-gardens/grants-for-gardens>) will open their grant cycle in November 2016 for school gardens.

{ Writing a Proposal }

- 🐞 Check out The **Edible Schoolyard's** Best Practices for Grant Writing (<http://edibleschoolyard.org/resource/best-practices-grant-writing>).
- 🐞 Read **School Garden Wizard's** Frequently Asked Questions (http://www.schoolgardenwizard.org/wizard/make/create_faqs.html) about proposal writing.
- 🐞 Download School Garden Wizard's **Proposal Worksheet** (<http://www.schoolgardenwizard.org/wizard/make/proposal.pdf>) to identify the important aspects of any garden proposal.
- 🐞 Use the research database from **Western Growers Foundation** (<http://www.csgn.org/research>) to discover research that supports the benefits of school gardens.

{ Now What? }

- 🐞 Watch the Nature Works Everywhere How-to-Garden video **Caring for Your Garden** (<http://vimeo.com/92520693>).
- 🐞 Download "**Summer in the School Garden**" by Pritha Golden and Karin Pfeiffer-Hoyt to find tips developing a maintenance plan and information on working with volunteers to maintain the school garden (<http://growing-gardens.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/Summer-in-the-School-Garden-A-Resource-for-Working-with-Volunteers-to-Maintain-your-School-Garden.pdf>).
- 🐞 Check out **Kids Gardening's** summer maintenance tips (<http://www.kidsgardening.org/node/11453>).