



School & Children's Garden Resources

School & Children's Garden Start-Up and Resource Lists



- The Forsyth Community Gardening website has a list of resources on [Youth and School Gardens](#).
 - ✓ Link: <http://tinyurl.com/FCGYouthSchoolGardens>
- The American Community Gardening Association has a [Resources page on Youth and School Programs](#), which includes “Gardening How-To Manuals” and “Resources for Gardening with Children” sections.
 - ✓ Link: <https://communitygarden.org/resources/category/youth-and-school-programs/>
- The Chicago Botanic Garden website hosts a [School Garden Wizard](#) that walks organizers through the steps of starting and utilizing a school garden.
 - ✓ Link: <http://www.schoolgardenwizard.org/>
- Cornell University's [Garden-Based Learning site](#) has activities, gardening guidance, program tools, and networking opportunities for educators.
 - ✓ Link: <http://gardening.cce.cornell.edu/>
- [Growing Minds](#) has a page on [School Gardens](#) (under “Programs”), which includes a how-to guide and links to weekly activity sheets attuned to the gardening season.
 - ✓ Organization home: <http://growing-minds.org/>
 - ✓ School Gardens Link: <http://growing-minds.org/school-gardens/>
- The [Natural Learning Initiative](#) (NLI) has many resources on outdoor learning environments.
 - ✓ Link: <http://www.naturalearning.org/>
 - [Childcare Center Production Gardens](#) is a series of publications with guidance on all aspects of gardening with children, including garden design, growing and using warm- and cool-season vegetables in snacks, age-appropriate gardening and cooking activities, and composting.
 - ✓ Link: https://naturalearning.org/childcare_production_gardens
 - The [Green Desk](#) is a collection of blog posts and new resources. The [Edibles tag](#) (on the sidebar at right) lists design guides and activities related to food gardening with kids.
 - ✓ Green Desk Link: <http://www.naturalearning.org/greendesk>
 - ✓ Edibles Link: <http://www.naturalearning.org/greendesk/tag/13>
 - NLI also has a collection of concise [information sheets](#) on design and programming for children's outdoor learning environments.
 - ✓ Link: <http://www.naturalearning.org/nli-infosheets>

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Garden-Based Curricula

- Cornell University's [Garden-Based Learning site](#) (see above) has an [Activities page](#) with lessons and curricula for grades 2-8.
 - ✓ Link: <http://gardening.cce.cornell.edu/for-educators/lessons/>
- [Environmental Education in the Community Garden](#), a project of the American Community Gardening Association, has lessons on soil, nutrients, beneficial insects, pollinators, composting, crop rotation, and other aspects of environmentally-friendly gardening.
 - ✓ Link: <https://communitygarden.org/programs/environmental-education-community-garden/>
- [Garden Mosaics](#) is a science, environmental, and garden education program that combines intergenerational mentoring, community action, and understanding different cultures. The manual contains Science Pages and inquiry-based learning activities that can be incorporated into classroom and after-school programs for children and youth. Science pages are available in English and Spanish.
 - ✓ Link: <https://communitygarden.org/programs/garden-mosaics/>
- [Growing Minds](#) (see above) has a [Lesson Plans](#) page (under "Resources") with links to lesson plans for age groups preschool through grade 12.
 - ✓ Link: <http://growing-minds.org/lesson-plans-landing-page/>
- The [National Farm to School Network](#) has an extensive [Resource Database](#), which can be searched for curricula suited to different age groups.
 - ✓ Organization home: <http://www.farmtoschool.org/>
 - ✓ Resource Database: <http://www.farmtoschool.org/resources>
- The [Natural Learning Initiative](#) has curricula and activities for school and children's gardens. See above (under "School & Children's Garden Start-Up and Resource Lists") for notes.
 - ✓ Link: <http://www.naturalearning.org/>

Youth Program Resources

- For those working with high school youth, the [East New York Farms! project](#) in Brooklyn, NY has an AMAZING [Youth Program Guide](#) (under "Resources/ Research and Publications"). This draws on their experience to guide organizers in creating an urban agriculture internship experience that builds leadership and life skills, in addition to farming and food systems knowledge.
 - ✓ Organization home: <http://eastnewyorkfarms.org/>
 - ✓ Youth Program Guide: <http://tinyurl.com/ENYFYouthProgramGuide>