



Gardening Resources for Schools

General Resources

Greenhearted.org

<http://www.greenhearted.org/school-gardens.html>

Ideas about integrating school gardens into education about sustainability

Kids Gardening

<http://www.kidsgardening.org/>

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

King County Go, Green Team! Blog

<http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/education/blog.asp?ID=13>

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

King County Master Gardener Foundation

<http://www.mgfkc.org/>

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

Natural Yard Care

<http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/naturalyardcare/index.asp>

Includes five steps to natural yard care

National Wildlife Federation – Schoolyard Habitats

<http://www.nwf.org/How-to-Help/Garden-for-Wildlife/Schoolyard-Habitats.aspx>

Information and resources about creating Schoolyard Habitats.

REAL School Gardens

<http://www.realschoolgardens.org/>

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

<http://www.schoolgardenwizard.org/>

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

<http://seattletilth.org/learn/kids/kids-and-families>

Gardening programs offered by Seattle Tilth including tours and educator workshops

USDA Blog – Start a School Garden

<http://blogs.usda.gov/2013/08/13/start-a-school-garden-heres-how/>

Recommendations on how to create a school garden

Washington Farm to School

www.wafarmtoschool.org

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

<http://www.king.wsu.edu/gardening/index.htm>

Free expert gardening advice and resources. Connects schools with master gardeners.

<http://county.wsu.edu/king/health/Pages/FoodSense.aspx>

Food \$ense Nutrition Education: Teaches youth and adults with limited incomes to develop skill and behaviors to eat healthfully. 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

IPMopedia

<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

<http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/education/haz-documents.asp>

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

Washington State University Hortsense

<http://pep.wsu.edu/hortsense/>

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

<http://schoolipm.wsu.edu/>

Information about Integrated Pest Management (IPM) in schools

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

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

King County Green Team mini-grants

<http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/elementaryschool/documents/GreenTeamGrant.pdf>

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

<http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/education/minigrants.asp>

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

<http://www.kingcounty.gov/environment/wtd/Programs/GreenGrants.aspx>

Native Plants

Wild Ones: Seeds for Education Grant

<http://www.wildones.org/seeds-for-education/sfe/>

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

The Fruit Tree Planting Foundation

<http://www.ftpf.org/mission.htm>

<http://www.ftpf.org/resources.htm>

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.

Native Plants

Native Plant Resources for the Pacific Northwest

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

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

Washington Native Plant Society

<http://www.wnps.org/index.html>

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

Sample Garden Project

St. Luke School native plant garden project

http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/education/documents/Final_report-photos.pdf

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

http://www.kingcd.org/pro_far_soi.htm

Offers free soil testing for nutrients