

San Diego County School Garden Resources



San Diego Regional School Garden Resource Center

Managed by the Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego County
www.rcdsandiego.org (619) 562-0096

- Monthly electronic newsletters with grant and event announcements
- Free plants for school gardens
- Funding opportunities, workshops, curricula and other resources

UC Cooperative Extension – San Diego County Office

www.cesandiego.ucdavis.edu (858) 694-2845

- Nutrition Education Programs
- Free school garden and nutrition curricula for qualifying schools
- School garden tips, activities and resources
- Also visit <http://groups.ucanr.org/F2S/UCCE/> for links to even more “Farm to School” resources in San Diego County

Master Gardener Association of San Diego County

www.mastergardenerssandiego.org (click on [School Program](#)), (858) 694-2860

- Annual School Garden and Nutrition Conference for educators
- Free on-line school garden web guide, *Plant a Seed, Watch it Grow*
- Request a free School Garden Consultant
- Photos and contacts for dozens of school gardens in the county in the “Explore” feature
- Grant Calendar

San Diego County Office of Education – Outdoor Education

www.sdcoe.net/outdoored (858) 292-3696

- Green Machine Mobile Classroom, *Seed to Table Garden/Agriculture Education* (FREE to schools in sponsored locations)

Del Mar Fairgrounds – San Diego County Fair

www.sdfair.com (858) 755-1161 x.2407

- *Plant, Grow, Eat* program for year-round schools

California Regional Environmental Education Community – San Diego and Imperial Region (SanD-CREEC)

www.creec.org/region9a/

- Helps you to find environmental education resources in San Diego and Imperial counties

San Diego Agriculture in the Classroom –

<http://www.sdfarmbureau.org> (click on [Ag in the Classroom](#)) (760) 745-3023

- Teacher Scholarships to the State CFAITC Conference
- Grants for School Gardens

San Diego County Water Authority

www.sdcwa.org (858) 522-6719

- Free Water-Wise Gardening teacher workshops
- Mini-grants for School Gardens

Solana Center for Environmental Innovation

www.solanacenter.org (760) 436-7986

- Worm bins for your classroom or school
- Composting and gardening workshops
- Composting resources, including directions to build your own compost bin or worm bin

California Native Plant Society – San Diego Chapter

www.cnpssd.org

- Information and resources for working with native plants in your garden
- Local training workshops, plant sale announcements

Mountain Meadows Mushrooms

26948 N. Broadway, Escondido, CA (760) 749-1201

- Free compost (as much as you can haul)

Local Field Trip Destinations

Water Conservation Garden at Cuyamaca College

www.thegarden.org (619) 660-0614

- “Children’s path” and educational tours
- Water-wise and fire-wise landscape tips, demonstrations, plant lists, etc.

San Diego Botanic Garden (formerly Quail Botanical Gardens)

www.qbggardens.org (760) 436-3036. 230 Quail Gardens Dr., Encinitas, CA 92024

- Seeds of Wonder Children’s Garden and Hamilton Children’s Garden
- Over 20 themed garden exhibits, including fire-wise gardening

Stein Family Farm – National City Living History Farm Preserve

www.thesteinfamilyfarm.org (619) 426-5109. 1806 F Ave., National City, CA 91950

- Original homestead, barn, grove, raised beds garden.
- Group and school tours by appointment – call Susan Walter at number above.
- Annual Events – Farm Days (March) and May/Arbor Day

The Monarch Program

www.monarchprogram.org (619) 466-0689. 450 Ocean View Ave., Encinitas, CA 92024.

- Monarch butterfly museum, vivarium, and greenhouse of host plants

Flower Fields at Carlsbad Ranch

www.theflowerfields.com (760) 930-9123. 5704 Paseo del Norte, Carlsbad, CA.

- Seed and Bulb Growing Program for Pre K to 5th grades
- Classroom Presentations - September to February. On Site tours - March to April.

Heritage Gardens of Old Town –

www.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page_id=24882

- Native American Garden, Heritage Kitchen Garden at La Casa de Estudillo, Heritage orchard.
- Will be incorporated into San Diego Unified School District’s 4th grade OCILE program.

Tierra Miguel Farm

www.tierramiguelfarm.org (760) 742-4213. 14910 Pauma Valley Drive, Pauma Valley, CA.

- 84 acre working produce farm
- Farmer For A Day field trip program at the Student Outdoor Laboratory

California and National School Garden Resources

California School Garden Network

www.csgn.org

- Curricula and publications, like *Gardens for Learning: Creating and Sustaining Your School Garden*
- Grants and fundraising
- Research and policy supporting garden-based learning
- Regional contacts and training
- Events, links and resources
- Sign up for monthly school gardening electronic newsletter, "Sowing and Growing"

California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom (CFAITC)

www.cfaitc.org

- Agriculture and garden-related lesson plans, teacher resources, and a statewide calendar of events
- "Imagine This..." Writing Contest (November)
- Sign up for monthly electronic newsletter

California Department of Education – School Garden Resource Packet

www.cde.ca.gov

- Request a free School Garden Resource Packet by emailing: gardengrantQA@cde.ca.gov OR call (916) 445-9162

California Integrated Waste Management Board

www.ciwmb.ca.gov/schools

- Curricula and games on composting, vermicomposting and recycling

National Gardening Association

www.kidsgardening.org

- Catalog of kid-sized tools, school project kits, books, etc. (*So much fun you'll be broke before you know it!!*)
- Tons of gardening advice, grants, lessons, and more.
- Sign up for monthly school gardening electronic newsletter and NGA regional gardening newsletters

California Farm to School

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

- Farm to School programs connect schools with local farms with the objectives of serving healthy meals in school cafeterias, improving student nutrition, providing health and nutrition education opportunities, and supporting California's farmers.
- Website includes information about farm to school, how to make farm to school a reality in your area, and searchable links to schools and farmers throughout California.

Other Informative Websites

University of California Statewide Integrated Pest Management Program

www.ipm.ucdavis.edu

- Site about using beneficial organisms and non-chemical means to control pests

Earth Easy

www.eartheasy.com/grow_raised_beds.htm

- Information on building raised beds for your garden

The Butterfly Site

www.thebutterflysite.com/gardening.shtml

- Information on plants to attract butterflies and a state-by-state guide to butterflies and their host plants

The Science of Gardening (created by the San Francisco Exploratorium)

www.exploratorium.edu/gardening/

- Entertaining and artistic website with video clips and artistic graphics related to the garden.

Producepedia (created by the Western Growers Association)

www.producepedia.com

- An encyclopedia of information for every fruit and vegetable you can imagine.

Harvest of the Month

www.harvestofthemonth.com

- Created by the California Department of Public Health and the Network for a Healthy California.
- Free downloadable fruit and vegetable fact sheets with elementary level curriculum applications, organized by season and month.

