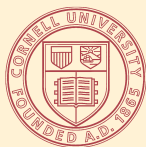


About Cornell Cooperative Extension Orange County

Cooperative Extension was created in 1915 as a part of the US Department of Agriculture's land grant university system to provide continuing education to people in their homes and communities. The land grant institution in New York is Cornell University, one of the world's leading research institutions.

For over 100 years, Cornell Cooperative Extension and its partnerships has provided programs for Orange County residents on youth and family development; nutrition, health, and food safety; community and economic vitality; and agricultural sustainability through Cornell based research. Committed to Orange County, we design programs to meet local needs to enable people to improve their lives and communities.

The Master Gardener Volunteers of Cornell Cooperative Extension Orange County serve our communities by providing educational gardening programs, activities and projects throughout the year. They communicate research-based, thorough and timely information on environmental issues including gardening, composting, recycling and pest control options.



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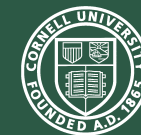
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provides **FREE** information and resources to assist in all aspects of building and maintaining a School Garden Program for your school!

The **Growing to Learn** program of Cornell Cooperative Extension Orange County supports sustainable gardening, youth development, and garden-based learning programs in Orange County schools.

Those working in the garden do not have to be experienced in order to benefit and have fun with a school garden program. An **Extension Master Gardener Volunteer** will be assigned to your school to assist with the successful implementation of planning, planting, care and harvesting processes.

Cornell Cooperative Extension also provides factsheets and pamphlets on numerous topics that will be helpful throughout the gardening season. For a nominal fee, the Diagnostic Lab at Extension can help your schools' garden educators identify plant diseases and pests. The Lab can also assist with long-term solutions.



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Key Offerings

- ◆ **Site assessment and follow-up garden support.**
- ◆ **Access to Extension Factsheets and Information Databases.**
- ◆ **Educational resources and lesson plans to connect the garden to Common Core standards.**
- ◆ **Diagnostic Lab for plant and pest identification and soil testing (nominal charge).**
- ◆ **Research-based resources that can serve as guides.**
- ◆ **A Master Gardener will be assigned to your school to help with project, questions, concerns, etc.**
- ◆ **Checklists and other resources to help make sure your garden is on the right track for success!**

Benefits of School Gardens

There are many benefits in participating in a school garden. Gardening offers hands-on learning experiences where students get to experiment in a wide array of disciplines. Listed below are a few of the major benefits for students, teachers, and communities derived from a school garden:

- ◆ Increase in science achievement scores
- ◆ Contributes to communication of knowledge and emotions, while developing skills that will help them be more successful in school
- ◆ Positive impact on student behavior
- ◆ Improve life skills, like working with groups
- ◆ Improve social skills
- ◆ Appreciation and respect for nature
- ◆ Improve knowledge of nutrition
- ◆ Increase fruit and vegetable consumption
- ◆ Students report eating healthier snacks

