



## **School Gardens....**

### **How University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) Master Gardeners Can Help Yours Grow!**

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University of California Master Gardener volunteers provide free research-based information on backyard gardening, home landscaping, and school and community gardening to thousands of Californians each year.

In Southern California there are active Master Gardener programs in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, Santa Barbara, San Bernardino, San Diego, and Ventura Counties. Contact information for each one (and a link to all UCCE MG programs) is on the back of this handout.

### **How do Master Gardeners assist teachers, administrators, and parent/teacher organizations develop, sustain, and improve school gardens?**

#### **Master Gardeners CAN:**

- Suggest resources to read to help determine the feasibility of developing a garden (required level of support from parents, teachers, students, and the community; costs, workload including maintenance through the summer, etc.)
- Meet with the teachers, administrators, parents, etc. to determine objectives for the garden and appropriate involvement of vested groups and individuals
- Help determine proper placement of the garden (sun, water source, orientation, size etc.)
- Help identify basic needs for garden startup and maintenance (tools, irrigation, fencing, storage, etc.)
- Provide expertise regarding soil preparation, irrigation, lists of warm and cool season vegetables and their respective planting dates, non-chemical pest management, fertilization, harvesting and storage of produce, etc.

#### **Master Gardeners CANNOT:**

- Maintain the garden (they can provide 'how to' demonstrations of techniques, however)
- Raise funds, solicit donations, or write or submit grant applications
- Purchase or deliver supplies to the garden location
- Teach students without a school-appointed teacher, administrator, or other adult present
- Supervise children's behavior/activities

### **School Garden Resources:**

California School Garden Network: [www.csgn.org](http://www.csgn.org)

Kids Gardening: [kidsgardening.org](http://kidsgardening.org)

Healthy School Environment: [healthyschoolenvironment.org](http://healthyschoolenvironment.org)

UC Santa Cruz Life Lab: <http://www.lifelab.org/for-educators/schoolgardens/>

The Edible Schoolyard: <http://edibleschoolyard.org/resources-tools>

## UCCE Master Gardener Contact Information for Southern California

### Los Angeles County

Website: [http://celosangeles.ucanr.edu/UC Master Gardener Program/](http://celosangeles.ucanr.edu/UC_Master_Gardener_Program/)

E-mail: [mglosangeleshelpline@ucdavis.edu](mailto:mglosangeleshelpline@ucdavis.edu) Ph: (626) 586-1988

### Orange County

Website: <http://uccemg.com/>

E-mail: [http://uccemg.com/Gardening\\_Hotline/](http://uccemg.com/Gardening_Hotline/) (within website) Ph: (949)809-9760

### Riverside County

Website: <http://ucanr.edu/sites/RiversideMG/>

Riverside E-mail: [anrmgriverside@ucanr.edu](mailto:anrmgriverside@ucanr.edu) Ph: (951)683-6491

Coachella Valley E-mail: [anrmgindio@ucanr.edu](mailto:anrmgindio@ucanr.edu) Ph: (760)342-6437

### Santa Barbara County

Website: [http://cesantabarbara.ucanr.edu/Master Gardener/](http://cesantabarbara.ucanr.edu/Master_Gardener/)

E-mail: [anrmgsb@ucanr.edu](mailto:anrmgsb@ucanr.edu) Ph: (805)893-3485

### San Bernardino County

Website: <http://ucanr.edu/sites/sbmg/>

E-mail: [mgsanber@ucdavis.edu](mailto:mgsanber@ucdavis.edu) Ph: (909)387-2182

### San Diego County

Website: <http://www.mastergardenerssandiego.org/about.php>

E-mail: <http://www.mastergardenerssandiego.org/solve/email.php> (within website) Ph: (858)822-6910

### Ventura County

Website: <http://ucanr.edu/sites/VCMG/>

E-mail: [mgventura@ucdavis.edu](mailto:mgventura@ucdavis.edu) Ph: (805)645-1455

**Complete list of all active UCCE Master Gardener programs in California:**  
[http://ucanr.edu/sites/MGWTest/Become a Master Gardener/California Master Garden Counties /](http://ucanr.edu/sites/MGWTest/Become_a_Master_Gardener/California_Master_Garden_County /)

## UC ANR Gardening Resources:

List of general gardening links: [http://mg.ucanr.edu/Resources\\_/Gardening Resources/](http://mg.ucanr.edu/Resources_/Gardening_Resources/)

UC ANR publication catalog: [http://ucanr.edu/Publications\\_524/](http://ucanr.edu/Publications_524/)

UC ANR Integrated Pest Management catalog:

<http://www.ipm.ucdavis.edu/IPMPROJECT/pubs.html>