



Free Services for School Gardens 2011

Master Gardener (MG) School Garden Consultants provide gardening knowledge and support to public and private school gardens in Montgomery County. We assign one or two Master Gardeners to each garden. Generally, we meet with parents, teachers, and administrators during the planning and MCPS application phase. We can help with site selection, organizational issues, and the MCPS garden application process if needed. We visit the garden periodically during the growing season to offer information, education, and encouragement. School garden consultants are available by phone and/or email to answer questions from their assigned garden and link the school gardeners to resources from the University of Maryland Extension.

The goal of the MG School Garden consultants is to support school gardeners. We are **not** able to plant, weed, water, or maintain your garden, but we'll be happy to show you how to do it yourself!

To learn more or to request the services of a MG School Garden Consultant, please contact Jenny Brown jennybrown409@gmail.com, Pat Lynch at mcpat.lynch@gmail.com or mcmont@umd.edu.

Selected School Garden Resources

Montgomery County Public Schools Outdoor Education Website

This website provides all the information that MCPS schools need to plant ornamental or vegetable gardens. This resource provides school garden information that can help both public and private schools--garden templates, curriculum and activity ideas, tips for planning, watering, and maintenance.

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/outdoored/>

Grow It Eat It (GIEI) Educational Programs and Activities

GIEI-trained Master Gardeners provide educational opportunities and activities for school gardens and to other groups on vegetable gardening. To learn more, please contact mc.growit@gmail.com.

The GIEI website provides how-to-advice, videos, calendar, tips, plant profiles and a blog about vegetable gardening. Check out these free resources--

<http://www.growit.umd.edu/>

<http://www.groweat.blogspot.com/>

Montgomery County Gardening Hotline: 301-390-9650

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MG Demo Garden: Visit the MG Garden at the Agricultural History Park in Derwood, MD to see examples of veggie, butterfly, fragrance, and other gardens.

University of Maryland Extension, Home and Garden Information Center <http://www.hgic.umd.edu>

Free Publications on all aspects of gardening and much more.

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