



WANT A FULL-CIRCLE SCHOOL?

Engage your students in a zero-waste, full-circle school food experience.



**Implement a Seed-to-Fork School Garden Program
and unlock discounts from Backyard Growers and Black Earth Compost.**

Program Benefits from Backyard Growers:

- **School garden consulting** - Discounted pricing on Backyard Growers' award-winning school garden model and materials, including a Cafeteria Taste Test Guide.
- **Making it happen** - Site analysis and stakeholder meeting to set your school garden up for success.
- **Food Safety Protocol** - Staff training to ensure proper food safety is in place for school garden program.

Product Benefits from Black Earth Compost:

- **Soil** - Discount on high quality compost and/or Raised Bed Soil Blend for school gardens.
- **Raised Beds** - Discounted Raised Bed Kits for school gardens with customized sizes. Black Earth installs and fills, or provides the kits for parent/volunteer work day.
- **Food Scrap Collection** - Service available to turn your school's food scraps back into soil to grow food, thus... completing the cycle.

Contact schools@backyardgrowers.org or 978-281-0480 for information.



SCHOOL GARDEN PROGRAM CONSULTING

Through our **Consulting Services** we expand the impact of our award-winning school garden program model to schools and districts across Massachusetts and beyond.

OUR MODEL

Salad Days and Fall Harvest Days®

APRIL SALAD PLANTING >>>>



JUNE SALAD HARVEST AND FALL PLANTING >>>>



SEPTEMBER FALL HARVEST



Why school gardens?

- Teach students where their food comes from
- Engage students through experiential learning
- Make easy connections to standards in math, science, and ELA
- Encourage inquiry and social emotional engagement

Why Backyard Growers?

- Growing plan (crops, timing, techniques)
- Hands-on school garden team training
- Ongoing remote support through first program year
- Access to all BYG resources such as planting & harvesting instructions, signup templates, seed guide, food safety best practices and more!



School Program Consultation Includes (Tier 2):

- ➔ An analysis of existing site, scale, goals, and resources.
- ➔ Facilitated Stakeholder Meeting to build consensus and answer questions.
- ➔ In-depth two hour training for school garden program implementers.
- ➔ Access to 100% of our School Garden Program and curriculum materials, as well as our Food Safety Protocol.
- ➔ One year of technical assistance.

3 GARDEN VISITS
2 SEED-TO-FORK EXPERIENCES
1 HOUR COMBINED CLASS TIME

CONSULTING PACKAGES

Tier 1

GENERAL CONSULTATION - one-time or ad hoc
Hourly at \$150/hour

Tier 2

SCHOOL PROGRAM CONSULTATION - one year
Range: \$1,000/school - \$4,000/district, depending on size, location, and level of technical support



Salad Days and Fall Harvest Days®

With the help of Backyard Growers' consultants, you can make your school garden a thriving farm-to-cafeteria program for the whole school. Our consultants will work with you one-on-one to create a program that fits the size of your school, your existing resources, your goals, and your students' needs. Start small or quickly involve your whole school in the seed-to-fork movement!!

"I learned to LOVE lettuce because of you guys!"
- Kyle, 4th grader

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