***New London County School Garden Network***

***Shared Network Resources:***

**1. Planting Materials:**

* Soil Testing:
* UConn Extension, Cornell University and CT Agriculture Experiment Station for soil testing
* General supplies:
* Scott’s in Lebanon for soil
* Holdridges – 10% discount
* Lowes – Lisbon (ask for damaged goods, open sacks of soil, etc.)
* Flemings Farm Supply will make dontations
* Ask teachers and parents for endless donations
* Seeds:
* Harts Seeds [www.hartseed.com/about-us/donations](http://www.hartseed.com/about-us/donations)
* Burpee – submit your donation on your letterhead
* FEDCO for seeds www.fedcoseeds.com/seeds/search.php
* URI Ag Station
* Wood chips, compost, soil, manure
* Municipalities
* At the dumps (Stonington, Groton)
* Manure at local farms (seasoned horse manure, chicken manure, etc.)
* Starbucks and Panera Bread will dontate coffe grounds
* Make your own compost
* Start worm composting in your classroom
* Plants and seedlings:
* FRESH New London – Spring plant sale - [www.freshnewlondon.org](http://www.freshnewlondon.org)
* CT Vocational High School Programs
* Mystic Seaport plant sale
* Grow your own seedlings in the classroom
* Wheeler High School has a plant sale and other high schools might also
* Go to garden club plant sales at the end of the sale for give-aways
* Containers:
* Make your own – check out the lesson from Marcia Benvenuti
* Old plastic pots

**2. Garden Materials:**

* General Supplies:
* Free Cycle – a Yahoo Group
* PTO groups
* Local garden centers
* Eagle Scouts
* Fencing Materials:
* Columbia Fencing – recycling chain linked fences
* Ocean State Job Lot – trellises
* Miller Fencing
* Raised Beds:
* Use dead trees, check with saw mills, mook mizer, tech or construction departments at Tech Schools
* Andew’s Sawmill in Lebanon has 12’ x 8’ pieces
* Scotlands Saw Mill
* Home Deport – Volunteers of America Program
* Yard Sales
* Viridian
* Lowes – catapillar planks (Lisbon)
* Rain Barrels and Irrigation
* Fisherman Barrels – 55 gallon drums
* Thames River Basin Partnership - [www.thamesriverbasinpartnership.org](http://www.thamesriverbasinpartnership.org)
* Agway has barrels with safety latches
* Drip Works Catalog

**3. Garden Learning:**

* Learning Buddies
* Safety Guidelines – Edible School Yard
* Life Lab.org – for curriculum tied to learning objectives (Check out “Lisa’s Book List”)
* School cafeteria staff
* CT. Gov School Composting Manual
* Food Corps Members – (Right now only at New London and Norwich Public Schools)
* Lorax – “Oh Say Can you Seed” Learning Lab
* Healhty Foods from Healthy Soil – Book
* Worm Ladies of Charleston, RI.
* Ag. in the Classroom – [www.agclassroom.org](http://www.agclassroom.org) and [www.ctaef.org/ag-in-the-classroom](http://www.ctaef.org/ag-in-the-classroom)
* Vocational Agriculture Schools for guest speakers, etc.
* “Square Foot” an interactive tool
* “Seeds of Change”
* UConn Master Gardeners Program www.mastergardener.uconn.edu/