Community Garden Internet Resources

American Community Gardening Association
Information about starting a community garden, publications, e-newsletter, and conferences, http://communitygarden.org
Website also includes an interactive web-based tool for designing and planning community gardens called “Rebel Tomato,” http://communitygarden.org/learn/youth/rebel-tomato.php


Plant a Row for the Hungry Program encourages people to plant an extra row of produce each year and donate their surplus to local food banks, soup kitchens, and service organizations to help feed America’s hungry, http://www.gardenwriters.org

Sunshine Harvest Sharing links backyard growers with local food pantries and/or soup kitchens in the Champaign-Urbana area to increase donations of produce for those in need, http://sunshineharvestsharing.wordpress.com

Gardening with Children Internet Resources

University of Illinois Extension, Just for Kids website includes several interactive web-based programs including My First Garden, Fresh from the World...Where Your Food Comes From, The Great Plant Escape, The Adventures of Herman, and Let’s Talk About Insects, http://www.urbanext.uiuc.edu/kids/index.html

National Gardening Association’s KidsGardening website includes resources, fund raising ideas, grant opportunities, and curricula, http://www.Kidsgardening.org

Aggie Horticulture Just for Kids, Texas A & M University, includes links to KinderGARDEN, Nutrition in the Garden, A Rainbow of Nutrition, Composting for Kids and Junior Master Gardener Program (JMG), http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/kindergarden/index.html

Junior Master Gardener program website has resources, publications, and curricula on gardening and nutrition. This is a program developed by Texas A & M, http://www.jmgkids.us
Gardening Information Internet Resources

University of Illinois Extension horticulture website includes information on several subjects including annual and perennial flowers, and vegetable gardening including planting, growing, harvesting, and variety selection for Illinois, http://web.extension.illinois.edu/state/hort.html

University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener website includes links to educational horticulture websites, http://web.extension.illinois.edu/mg

University of Illinois Extension Soil Testing Labs Information, http://urbanext.illinois.edu/soiltest/

Gardening Information Publications

Available through University of Illinois ACES Publications, https://pubsplus.illinois.edu, email PubsPlus@illinois.edu, phone 800-345-6087 (toll-free within the U.S.) or in Champaign Urbana area phone 217-333-2007

- Vegetable Gardening in the Midwest. Complete, accurate, and easy-to-use guide to growing more than 40 vegetables and 35 herbs including basics of preparing, planting and caring for the garden and selecting varieties of each crop for the Midwest.

- Pocket Guide to Good Gardening. Handy guide includes information about watering, mulching, pruning and identifying and managing pests.

- Home, Yard & Garden Pest Guide. A 184-page book with concise information on how to deal with insects, weeds, and diseases safely and effectively including chemical and non-chemical recommendations.

- “The Bad Guys! Garden Pests” and “The Good Guys! Natural Enemies of Insects”. These laminated cards are perfect for taking out into the garden and include identification and management if needed.

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