

It is my hope that our garden's story and the stories of gardens across America will inspire families, schools, and communities to try their own hand at gardening and enjoy all the gifts of health, discovery, and connection a garden can bring.

-Michelle Obama

"Thank you for the bok choy for our garden. I liked eating, I helped water."

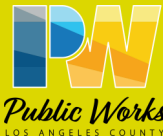
-Student, Kit Carson Elementary, Hawthorne



Goal: The County aims for each school to have a vibrant herb and vegetable garden, which becomes a teaching environment for students to learn about growing their own organic food, composting and sustainability.

The program includes a hands-on worm composting demonstration, where students and teachers learn how to assemble the worm compost bin, install the bedding, feed and take care of the worms. They learn the benefits of worm composting and the use of worm "tea" as a potent fertilizer and natural insect repellent.

Contact: For a free consultation to install a vegetable garden in your school, call (888) CLEAN LA or email schoolgarden@pw.lacounty.gov.



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Teach kids to grow their own food
Beautify your campus in the process



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School Garden Program



I garden, therefore I am.
-Anonymous

Free Service

The County provides free materials, plants, tools, and labor to construct a garden on school campus. Hundreds of school mini-gardens have been installed countywide. The program also offers composting instruction.

What is Composting?

Composting is the biological decomposition of organic waste such as food or plant material by bacteria, fungi, worms, and other organisms. It is a natural process that turns organic waste into a dark rich substance called compost or humus, a wonderful conditioner for your soil.

Red Wigglers

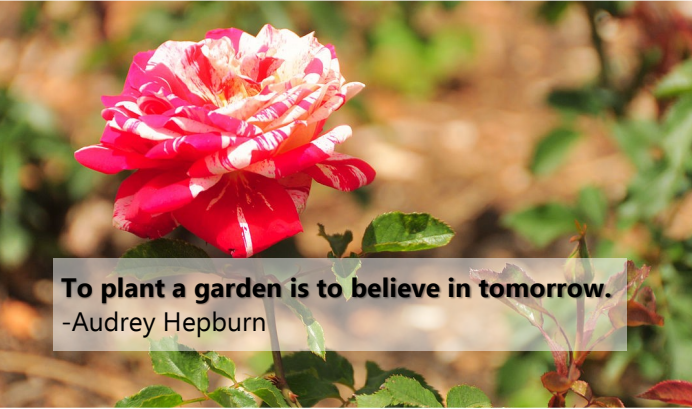
These active worms are used for composting food waste because they thrive in rotting vegetation, compost, and manure. They don't eat meat or citrus fruits; however, they turn pounds of food into compost in about two to four months and also create a liquid "tea" byproduct that makes an excellent fertilizer and effective pest repellent.

Fun Facts

- Worms eat their own weight each day, so a pound of worms eats a pound of food every day.
- Worm castings provide a high-quality soil amendment with fertilizer properties.
- Composting helps keep organic waste out of landfills.



Sample of Supplies Donated



To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow.
-Audrey Hepburn



"Thank you so much for visiting our class and giving us a wonderful presentation about our new worm farm."
-Room 30, **Rowland Avenue Elementary**, West Covina

"Querido Obras Públicas, gracias por las plantas!"
-Principal, **All Souls Catholic School**, Alhambra



Where flowers bloom so does hope.
-Lady Bird Johnson