

## **How do I integrate a school garden into my curriculum?**

**List** the competency goals. When during the school year do you teach those goals?

**Next**, make a list of garden tasks. Then pair the tasks with the goals and objectives you must meet.

**Determine** whether the garden meets needs in the fall, winter, or spring. Determine what, when, and where you will be gardening.

**Develop activities.** When you have determined the type and timing of the garden, you will need to develop activities or look for existing activities that fit your curriculum goals.

**Present classroom instruction on gardening procedures.** Before actually getting anyone's hands dirty, you will need time for classroom instruction on gardening procedures. Give an overview of the garden process and explain why you are doing a garden instead of something else.

**Build time** into the garden experience for garden planning with the class.