

## 2016 Checklist for School Gardens, Greenhouses, Orchards, and Farms

---- Check all boxes, sign and return with your grant application----

### Pest Control

For more information see [www.gotpests.org](http://www.gotpests.org), or [www.maine.gov/agriculture/pesticides](http://www.maine.gov/agriculture/pesticides)

- We have reviewed Maine's [school pesticide regulations](#) and understand that:
  - Only persons with a valid commercial pesticide applicator's license are allowed to apply any pesticide\*, including organic and natural pesticides, to school-owned or school-used properties.
  - Before pesticides are applied to school-used properties, parents and staff must be notified 5 days in advance and a sign must be posted two days in advance
  - Records of all pest management activities must be kept for 2 years.
  - Mechanical or physical pest control devices, and beneficial organisms not formulated into a pesticide product, ARE allowed and do not require a pesticide applicators license. For example, animal and insect traps, living beneficial organisms (such as lady bugs or beneficial nematodes), heat or cold, row covers, weeding tools, and tillage.
  - School staff can get a [pesticide applicator's license](#) allowing them to apply pesticides on school properties. Licensing requires passing written and oral exams. Study guides are available from the University of Maine. There is no licensing fee for school employees. Questions? 207-287-2731 or [gary.fish@maine.gov](mailto:gary.fish@maine.gov)

### Integrated Pest Management

- We are aware that we can adopt integrated pest management (IPM) practices for our garden, greenhouse or fields that will help us to protect ourselves, our plants, and the environment and minimize pesticide use. Guidance is available at [www.gotpests.org](http://www.gotpests.org), [www.maine.gov/ipm](http://www.maine.gov/ipm) or <http://umaine.edu/ipm/>. Sample IPM plans are available.
- We realize that agricultural lessons, including IPM lessons are available at [www.TeachMEFoodandFarms.org](http://www.TeachMEFoodandFarms.org) .

### Selling Plants

- We understand that schools selling plants must obtain a Nursery License from the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (note: it's free for schools – no fee!). [Print an application for a license to sell Nursery Stock \(.pdf\)](#)

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Project Director

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Date

\*Pesticide = any chemical, including 'organic' and 'natural' products, intended to control, manage, mitigate or repel a pest organism, including but not limited to, insect sprays, liquids, oils, soaps, dusts, and granules; weed killers and 'weed and feed' lawn products; fungicides; rodenticides (eg. mouse and rat poisons); snail/slug baits and poisons; and plant hormones.