

Need Additional Help?

Please Contact Ashley Jeppson at the Nevada Department of Agriculture for more information on how to receive a FREE site visit. You might be amazed at what you learn about your garden and how you can improve it!



References:

- Food Safety in Your Home Vegetable Garden, University of California Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources, <http://anrcatalog.ucdavis.edu>
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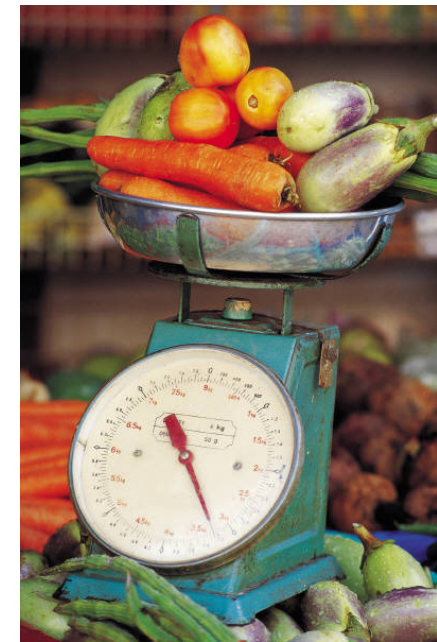


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Nevada School Garden Food Safety Guidelines



Making school gardens a fun place to learn while practicing food safety!

Why is Food Safety Important to School Gardens?

- In the United States it is estimated that as many as 76 million people contract some type of foodborne illness each year.
- Contamination occurs when food crops come in direct contact with contaminated equipment, utensils, or other sources.
- According to the CDC nearly half of all foodborne illness is attributed to contaminated produce.
- Fortunately, the risk of foodborne illness can be minimized.
- The Nevada School Garden Food Safety Guidelines outline the best practices for the safe handling of foods grown in school gardens.

How can you reduce the risk of food contamination in your garden?



Contact us for a copy of the Nevada School Garden Food Safety Guidelines for important information and local resources to help make your school garden a safe, healthy, and enjoyable environment!

Consider Food Safety in each phase of gardening:

Growing

- Garden Site Selection
- Soil Composition
- Water & Irrigation
- Composting



Harvest

- Personal Hygiene
- Sanitized harvest aids (tools, Containers, etc.)
- Tips on Harvesting with Students
- Record Keeping methods

Post-Harvest

- Food safety guidelines
- Storage and preparation procedures
- Best practices for use in school cafeteria



Keeping food safety in mind throughout the gardening process is important to help minimize food safety risks and avoid potential hazards. Food safety awareness should be practiced by everyone participating in the garden. Obtaining a copy of the Nevada School Garden Food Safety Guidelines is the first step in helping make your garden produce safe!



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