

School Garden – equipment and material suggestions

Tools/equipment

Tool	Number needed	
	Kid size	Adult size
Long handled spade/shovel (with sharp rounded end for digging)	Re 8 (assuming there are about 24 kids/class)	3-4
Spading fork (like pitchfork, but meant for digging)		1-2
Leaf rakes		1-2
Steel rakes		1-2
Trowels (ie small, hand-held shovels)	Class set (re 24)	
Gloves	Class set or more in varying sizes, plus some for adults	
Watering cans	6-10 (depending on storage space) Varying sizes, if possible	
Buckets	6-8 (size that kids can carry with a partner if the buckets are full of soil/compost/mulch)	
Hoses, reels, nozzles	One good set	
Baskets/bins for storage	It's nice to have baskets for gloves, trowels, etc. that are open/breathable in case anything gets put away when damp	
Twine/string	1-2 rolls for staking plants	
Garden shears		2-4 pairs
Sharp knife		1-2
Tool cleaning brush	1	
Harvest baskets	Optional	
Clipboards	Optional, but helpful for outdoor lessons	

Materials:

- Compost
- Soil
 - o For starting seedlings
 - o For garden
- Mulch – calculate amounts according to garden size
 - o For paths
 - o For gardens (?) – straw works well (as long as it is free of herbicides)
- Seeds
- Seedlings
- Seeding pots/trays
- Plant tags/labels
- Signs for garden
- Wheelbarrows/carts