

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.maine.gov/agriculture/pesticides or www.gotpests.org

- We have reviewed Maine's [school pesticide regulations](http://www.maine.gov/agriculture/pesticides/schoolipm/what/ch27.htm) (found at www.maine.gov/agriculture/pesticides/schoolipm/what/ch27.htm) and understand that:
 - Only persons with a Commercial Master Pesticide Applicator 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, and weeding tools. Fertilizers are also allowed.
 - 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

Integrated Pest Management

- We are aware that we can adopt integrated pest management (IPM) practices for our garden, greenhouse or fields to protect ourselves, our plants, and the environment. We know that we can find [sample school garden/greenhouse IPM plans](#) and guidance at www.thinkfirstspraylast.org/schoolipm and additional pest solutions at www.gotpests.org.
- We will make an effort to include [agricultural lessons and learning](#) into school gardens, greenhouses and other agricultural projects (see <http://teachmefoodandfarms.org/>).

Selling Plants

- We understand that schools selling rooted plants must obtain a Nursery License from the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (note: it's free for schools – no fee!). Find application form at www.maine.gov/agriculture/horticulture/licensing.htm

Project Director

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.