

Engaging Volunteers in School Gardens

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Websites

- [Life Lab- Garden Workdays](#)
- [Community Groundworks- Master Gardener Volunteers in School Gardens](#)
- [Cornell Garden Based Learning- Engaging Volunteers](#)
- [Growing Gardens- Summer in the School Garden](#)

Online Volunteer Tools

- <https://volunteer.uc.edu/>
- <https://www.signupgenius.com/nonprofits>
- <https://hamilton.osu.edu/program-areas/master-gardener-volunteers/want-become-site-volunteering>
- <https://cincinnati-cares.org/>
- <https://www.volunteermatch.org/nonprofits>

General Tips:

- Assess your garden needs to come up with different volunteer roles.
- Understand your volunteers' needs in order to effectively recruit and retain them.
- Communicate your expectations clearly especially for any volunteers working on their own.
- Stay organized and gather tools or prepare materials in advance for your volunteers.
- Show volunteers your appreciation by sending thank you notes, student drawings or handmade gifts.