



# “A Move Beyond the Traditional School Garden”

## Resource List

### Perma-what?

Permaculture is a combination of two words: permanent and agriculture. By designing permanent agriculture and human settlement systems that mimic nature, are based on science, and guided by ethics create highly resilient systems. Plan for 100 years not just one season!

### Traditional Gardens Are Work!

- Do not catch and store water effectively
- Require high degree of maintenance including weeding, planting, rototilling, and soil amendments
- What about installing a [food forest](#) instead?

**Permaculture Principles:** [www.permacultureprinciples.com](http://www.permacultureprinciples.com)

### Where to Start:

“How to Grow a School Garden: A Complete Guide for Parents and Teachers” Bucklin-Sporer & Pringe, 2010  
“Asphalt to Ecosystems” Sharon Gamson Danks, 2012 [www.asphalt2ecosystems.org](http://www.asphalt2ecosystems.org)

### Where to Purchase Supplies:

#### Seeds:

Harmonic Herbs (AB) [www.harmonicherbs.com](http://www.harmonicherbs.com)

Casey’s Heirloom Tomatoes (AB) [www.caseysheirloomtomatoes.ca](http://www.caseysheirloomtomatoes.ca)

Richters (Ontario) [www.richters.com](http://www.richters.com)

Seeds of Change (USA) [www.seedsofchange.com](http://www.seedsofchange.com)

Lawyers-Tree Seeds (USA) [www.lawyernursery.com](http://www.lawyernursery.com)

Salt Spring Seeds (BC) [www.saltspringseeds.com](http://www.saltspringseeds.com)

West Coast Seeds (BC) [www.westcoastseeds.com](http://www.westcoastseeds.com)

Lindenberg Seeds Ltd (MB) [www.lindenbergseeds.ca](http://www.lindenbergseeds.ca)

T.T Seeds (MB) [www.ttseeds.com](http://www.ttseeds.com)

#### Garden Centers/Nurseries:

##### *Local:*

Incredi Grow [www.incredigrow.ca](http://www.incredigrow.ca)

Bow Point Nursery [www.bowpointnursery.com](http://www.bowpointnursery.com)

Golden Acres Garden Center [www.goldenacre.ca](http://www.goldenacre.ca)

Greengate Garden Center [www.greengate.ca](http://www.greengate.ca)

Sunnyside Greenhouse [www.sunnysidehomeandgarden.com](http://www.sunnysidehomeandgarden.com)



### *Mail Order:*

Grimo Nut Nursery (ON) [www.grimonut.com](http://www.grimonut.com)  
Gardens North (Canada) [www.gardensnorth.com](http://www.gardensnorth.com)  
Nichols Garden Nursery (USA) [www.nicholsgardennursery.com](http://www.nicholsgardennursery.com)  
Prairie Tech Propagation [www.prairietechpropagation.com](http://www.prairietechpropagation.com)  
One Green World (USA) [www.onegreenworld.com](http://www.onegreenworld.com)  
Boughen Nurseries (MB) [www.boughennurseries.net](http://www.boughennurseries.net)  
Tropic to Tropic (BC) [www.tropic.ca](http://www.tropic.ca)

**\*Tip:** Purchase plants based on the roots and the stem base. Bare root plants outgrow and perform potted plants. Add beneficial fungi to increase success of planting.

### Fungi:

Fungi Perfecti (BC) [www.fungi.com](http://www.fungi.com)  
The Mushroom Man (BC) [www.shroomstore.ca](http://www.shroomstore.ca)  
Myke's Mycorrhizae [www.usemyke.com](http://www.usemyke.com) - extends warranty on plants by providing beneficial fungi

### Worms & Aerated Compost Tea:

Living Soil Solutions [www.livingsoil.ca](http://www.livingsoil.ca)  
Worms at Work [www.wormsatwork.com](http://www.wormsatwork.com)

### **Plants to Grow:**

Wild edible plants [www.northernbushcraft.com](http://www.northernbushcraft.com)  
Prairie hardy edible plants [www.theurbanfarmer.ca/resources/edible-plants-for-the-prairies](http://www.theurbanfarmer.ca/resources/edible-plants-for-the-prairies)

### **School Projects:**

Cochrane High School [www.sustainabledevelopment.ca](http://www.sustainabledevelopment.ca)  
Lacombe Composite High School [www.lchsecovision.weebly.com](http://www.lchsecovision.weebly.com)  
Groundswell Network Society (including passive solar greenhouse) [www.groundswellnetwork.ca](http://www.groundswellnetwork.ca)  
Permaculture School (Jasper Place High School) [www.permacultureschool.ca](http://www.permacultureschool.ca)  
Hood River Middle School Campus – Music and Science Building [www.aiatopten.org/node/77](http://www.aiatopten.org/node/77)

### **Rain Gardens**

Rain Garden App [www.emo.uconn.edu](http://www.emo.uconn.edu)  
Rain Gardens City of Calgary [www.calgary.ca/UEP/Water/Pages/Water-conservation/Lawn-and-garden/Water-wise-gardening-and-plants/RainGarden.aspx](http://www.calgary.ca/UEP/Water/Pages/Water-conservation/Lawn-and-garden/Water-wise-gardening-and-plants/RainGarden.aspx)

### **Wicking Beds**

[www.vergepermaculture.ca/blog/2011/05/30/guide-to-wicking-beds](http://www.vergepermaculture.ca/blog/2011/05/30/guide-to-wicking-beds)



[www.milkwood.net/2010/05/11/how to make a wicking bed](http://www.milkwood.net/2010/05/11/how_to_make_a_wicking_bed)

### **Garden and Permaculture Societies**

Calgary Horticulture Society [www.calhort.org](http://www.calhort.org)

Calgary Community Garden Resource Network [www.calhort.org/community-gardens.aspx](http://www.calhort.org/community-gardens.aspx)

Calgary Permaculture Guild [www.permaculturecalgary.org](http://www.permaculturecalgary.org)

### **School Garden Programs**

Schoolyard Naturalization [www.calgaryzoo.com/schoolyard naturalization](http://www.calgaryzoo.com/schoolyard_naturalization)

Little Green Thumbs [www.littlegreenthumbs.org](http://www.littlegreenthumbs.org)

### **Consultants:**

Big Sky Permaculture [www.bigskypermaculture.ca](http://www.bigskypermaculture.ca)

Prairie Sage Permaculture [www.prairiesagepermaculture.com](http://www.prairiesagepermaculture.com)

Leaf Ninjas [www.leafninjas.ca](http://www.leafninjas.ca)

Giggling Chi Tree [www.gigglingchitree.com](http://www.gigglingchitree.com)

Radicle Routes [www.radicleroutes.com](http://www.radicleroutes.com)

EcoYards [www.eco-yards.com](http://www.eco-yards.com)

Verge Permaculture [www.vergepermaculture.ca](http://www.vergepermaculture.ca)

Wild Green Consulting (Edmonton) [www.wildgreen.ca](http://www.wildgreen.ca)