

CalFresh Healthy Living, University of California SNAP-Ed Allowable Gardening Chart

(Based on the FY 2023 SNAP-Ed Guidance)

**Note: This two-page list has been provided as a guide and is not intended to be an exhaustive list. You may not need all of the items listed below to complete your project. CalFresh Healthy Living, UC programs should consider supplies that are available within your UCCE County; working with local partners and vendors; and consider how to leverage resources of non-SNAP-Ed funds or partners. Please follow-up with your [CalFresh Healthy Living, UC State Office contact](#) if you have any questions.*

Allowable Expenditures	Need Prior Approval from State Office	Unallowable Expenditures
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CFHL, UC approved garden curricula • Soil, compost, organic fertilizer • Mulch, straw, bark (for beds) • Seeds • Seedlings/plant starts • Seed starter kits • Pots/grow bags • Hand tools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Gloves (recommend buying children’s gloves for younger students) ○ Trowels ○ Hand rakes ○ Watering cans • Hand tool storage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bucket, tub or box • Large tools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Shovel ○ Spade ○ Pick ○ Hoe 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Materials to build garden beds or compost bins including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lumber ○ Pre-fabricated garden beds/boxes, ○ Ground covering (gopher barriers), weed block cloth, cinder blocks ○ Gravel for drainage ○ Materials for hoop gardens: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ PVC Pipe ▪ Netting • Irrigation supplies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Drip Lines ○ Timers • Wheel barrows • Staff salaries to establish and maintain community gardens • Delivery of materials including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Soil ○ Lumber 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Established plants or fruit trees • Established irrigation • Rental or purchase of land • Rental or purchase of tractors or other land or garden preparation equipment • Garden pavers • Bark or gravel as ground cover • Line trimmers • Tool sheds • Fencing materials

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hula hoe ● Staff salaries to provide garden-enhanced nutrition education ● Biodegradable and/or clay pots ● Twine and stakes for plotting ● Tomato cages or trellises for vine plants ● Soil test kits ● Garden hoses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Etc. ● Worms and other beneficial insects ● Berry bushes ● Grow pads and grow lights for indoor growing <p>** State office would be need to understand the scope of the project to approve purchasing the items listed above. Please complete the Garden Supply Purchase Form to request approval to purchase the items listed above.</p>	

**** Link to USDA SNAP-Ed Guidance:**

<https://snaped.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/FY2023SupplementalNutritionAssistanceProgramEducationPlanGuidanceUpdatedJuly2022.pdf> Gardening listed on page 115

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