



Garden Harvest Discussion Questions

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Soil Inputs

Should you maintain a protocol that outlines acceptable herbicides and pesticides?		
Do you maintain a list of agreed upon approved herbicides, pesticides and fertilizers that can be used on your edible garden?		
Should you maintain a list of guidelines for compost, including non-commercial compost produced on campus or off campus and commercial compost?		
Have you researched the historical usage of the land the edible garden is now grown on?		

Safe Water

Are all sources of water approved for use in your edible garden?		
Does water runoff and/ or runoff from irrigation not specifically intended for the garden need to be diverted so it does not enter the edible garden?		

Safe Tools

How will sick or potentially ill students and/or volunteers be identified and excluded from harvesting fresh produce?		
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How can we ensure that garden volunteers and participants properly wash their hands before harvesting edible produce?		
Where are the handwashing stations most readily accessible to those working in the garden?		
How is potential cross-contamination from equipment, gloves and tools that come into contact with produce mitigated or reduced?		
What materials were used in the construction of raised beds?		
How will dedicated garden equipment be stored, sanitized and maintained?		
Packing and Storing		
Who needs to be present during harvest?		
What types of containers are acceptable food storage containers?		
What types of containers would be considered unacceptable food storage containers?		
How will the harvest be documented when it enters the kitchen?		
What form should the harvest be in when it arrives at the kitchen?		
Will the garden harvest produce be served separately from regular food items?		

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