

## **Building soil fertility**

- Get your soil tested. All Wisconsin counties have a UW Extension office that offers this service. They can also advise you on how to take soil sample, and how to interpret a soil test.
- Add compost. UW-Extension offices often offer finished compost to school gardens at a discounted price. Many cities or counties also have low-cost compost from yard waste.
  - Wisconsin Master Composter Resource Guide: Compost contacts, and resources for building your own compost bin.
  - Wisconsin DNR Home Compost Guide
  - Composting with Worms (Vermicomposting)
  - Learn about crop rotation and green manures (cover crops). Even in a small space, changing what you plant from year to year can help your garden soil thrive!
  - o Crop rotation for vegetable gardens
  - Green manures for vegetable gardens

