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Your Extension Newsline

Fall Landscape Extravaganza



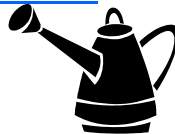
Saturday, October 3, 9a - 12p
St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church
315 Harris Grove Rd, Rt. 17

The Virginia Cooperative Extension-York County office is sponsoring its annual Fall Landscape Extravaganza. Sign-in begins at 8:45a and orientation begins at 9am. Two blocks of concurrent educational classes will be offered from 9:15a to 10:30a and from 10:45a to 12:00p. The event is offered free of charge and is open to the public.

Attendees will choose from the following classes, one per session:

- 1st Session: "Landscaping to Attract Birds"
"How to Select, Care for, and Plant Trees"
"Pitfalls in Home Landscaping"
- 2nd Session: "Composting and Soil Amendments"
"Fall Color in the Landscape"
"Rid Your Yard of Moles and Voles"

The goal of the Landscape Extravaganza is to provide practical, useful information for homeowners. Registration can be found at http://www.yorkcounty.gov/vce/upcomingevents/hort/landscapeext_09.htm



Fall is for Planting

Fall is the perfect time to evaluate your garden and lawn. You can see what worked and what didn't as the foliage and grass begin their dying-off/dormant process. This is the ideal opportunity to renovate your landscape plan, plant some plants, bulbs and shrubs, and get your lawn ready for winter.

The benefits for fall planting are numerous:

- 1) Warmer soil temperatures encourage root growth, giving way to stronger, more established roots for the spring;
- 2) Above ground temperatures are generally mild and there is usually more rain;
- 3) You can see where your new plants are in relation to your established plants;
- 4) Less work in the spring, with more effective plant growth.



Gardening HearSay Radio Show

Listen to timely gardening topics, horticultural questions and answers on WHRV 89.5 FM with Cathy Lewis and Jim Orband. The show can be heard the third Wednesday of each month, 12p-1p. The latest gardening topics will be discussed and you are invited to call in with your questions at 1-800-940-2240 or 440-2665.

Important Dates

Sept 26 9a-1p	Go Green - \$ave Green, presented by the Newport News Master Gardeners, http://nnmastergardeners.org/go_green_-_save_green.htm , 591-4838
Sept 26 8a-12p	York County Master Gardeners at Yorktown Market Days, Riverwalk
Oct 3 9a-12p	Landscape Extravaganza, St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church. Call 890-4940
Oct 10 8a-12p	York County Master Gardeners at Yorktown Market Days, Riverwalk
Oct 21 12p-1p	Gardening HearSay Radio Program, WHRV 89.5, 1-800-940-2240
Nov 14 8a-12p	York County Master Gardeners at Yorktown Market Days, Riverwalk
Nov 18 12p-1p	Gardening HearSay Radio Program, WHRV 89.5, 1-800-940-2240
Dec 12 8a-12p	York County Master Gardeners at Yorktown Market Days, Riverwalk
Dec 16 12p-1p	Gardening HearSay Radio Program, WHRV 89.5, 1-800-940-2240

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Go Green - \$ave Green

Saturday, September 26

Brittingham-Midtown Community Center

570 McLawhorne Drive
Newport News, VA 23601

9:00am - 12:45pm

Free and open to the public

Pre-registration is recommended

Go Green - \$ave Green's mission is to increase the number of citizens engaged in healthy landscape practices and provide Earth-friendly landscaping, lawn care and water use techniques that are money saving and practical.

Participants will choose 1 class from each session to attend. Classes include:

Sustainable Landscaping

Fescue Lawns

Mulching Do's and Don'ts

Gardening from the Ground Up

Lawns - Question and Answer Session

Register by visiting http://nnmastergardeners.org/go_green_-_save_green.htm and downloading the registration form. Forms may be mailed or faxed to the:

Newport News Extension Office
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Newport News, VA 23606
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Fall Vegetable Gardening



By planning and planting a fall vegetable garden it is possible to have fresh vegetables up to and even past the first frosts. At the time when retail vegetable prices are on the rise, you can be reaping large and varied harvests from your still-productive garden site.

When planting fall crops, prepare the soil by restoring nutrients removed by spring and summer crops. A light layer of compost or aged manure or a small application of complete chemical fertilizer will boost soil nutrients in preparation for another crop.

Once young plants are established, a heavier mulch may be used to hold moisture and control weeds. Irrigate when necessary so the young plants have sufficient moisture. Fall plantings often have few insect problems, as they avoid the peak insect activity period of midsummer. However, some insects, such as cabbageworm and corn earworm, may be even worse late in the year than in summer; vigilance is still required! Avoid some pests and diseases by planting crops of different families than were originally in that section of the garden.



Some of the best-quality vegetables are produced during the warm days and cool nights of the fall season. These environmental conditions add sugar to sweet corn and crispness to carrots. Parsnips and Jerusalem artichokes are examples of crops that are very much improved by a touch of frost.

Protection of vegetable plants during cold periods may extend your season even further. When using a cold frame to extend the harvest season, be sure to close the top on frosty nights to protect the plants from the cold. When the sun comes out the next morning and the air warms, open the cold frame again; leave it closed if daytime temperatures are low.

The fall garden can offer its own satisfaction through prolonged harvest of fresh vegetables, savings in food costs, and the knowledge that you're making full use of your gardening space and season.

