

Master Gardeners of Lehigh and Northampton Counties

Master Gardeners are community volunteers trained by county Extension Educators. Once they complete their training, Master Gardeners begin volunteer service. They cooperate with service agencies and community groups on a wide range of gardening projects. They often provide hands-on training through demonstrations to home gardeners, clubs and other organizations. Their talents and energy are directed toward providing a link between their community and Penn State Cooperative Extension.

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Directions to Northampton County Extension Office, Greystone Building, 14 Gracedale Avenue, Nazareth, PA

From the West: Take Route 22 to Bethlehem. Exit at Route 191, turn right and go north. Travel 2 miles through traffic light at Newburg. Go through the traffic light and turn left onto Route 946 West. Travel 2.3 miles to the traffic light at the intersection with Route 248. Go through the traffic light, travel 1/2 mile, and turn right onto Penn Allen Road. Travel east on Penn Allen Road a little more than 1/2 mile. Turn right at the county Emergency Management sign. The Greystone Building is the first building on your right.

From the East: Take Route 22 or I-78 to Route 33 North. Exit at the Route 248/Wilson/Nazareth exit. Turn right onto Route 248 North. Follow Route 248 through Nazareth to the intersection at Route 946 (traffic light). Turn right onto Route 946 West. Travel 1/2 mile and turn right onto Penn Allen Road. Travel east on Penn Allen Road a little more than 1/2 mile. Turn right at the county Emergency Management sign.

From the North: Take Route 33 South. Exit at the Route 248 exit. Turn right onto Route 248 North. Follow directions from the East above.

From the South: From Routes 22 or 33, exit onto Route 248. Proceed on Route 248 to Nazareth. Go through three lights. Turn right at the sign to Gracedale, this is Gracedale Road. Turn left into the Gracedale Complex. Follow the road to back of the Complex. The office is the last building on the road (Greystone Building).

Directions to the Lehigh County Agricultural Center, 4184 Dorney Park Road, Allentown, PA:

From Route 22, take Route 309 south to Hamilton Boulevard/Route 222 exit. From exit ramp, make a left turn at the traffic light onto Hamilton Boulevard. Go to bottom of hill and turn left onto Dorney Park Road. Go 2/10 of a mile and the Lehigh County Agricultural Center is on your left.

From downtown Allentown, take Hamilton Boulevard south (toward Wescosville) to Lincoln Avenue (exit for Dorney Park). At the ramp stop sign, turn right and go down to bottom of the hill and turn left onto Dorney Park Road. Go 2/10 of a mile and the Lehigh County Agricultural Center is on your left.

NOTE: The Agricultural Center is located on the C bus route near Cedarbrook Nursing Home and is handicapped accessible.

Dear Home Gardener,

Growing your own is cool again!

Growing your own vegetables helps your family's food budget, which has become increasingly important in our tough economic times.

Gardening is also a very "green" thing to do. Your own garden vegetables never have to be shipped across the country using non-renewable fossil fuel. Plants create oxygen and can improve water quality. Spending time in open green spaces can reduce stress. Fresh vegetables are nutritious and gardening is a great way to get some exercise, too!

The Penn State Master Gardeners have noticed an increase in the number of requests for information on how to start a vegetable garden and how to help the environment. They have planned this slate of topics to help you get off to a great start this spring!

Emelie Swackhamer

Emelie Swackhamer,
Extension Educator

For each class you plan to attend:

- Send in the registration form as soon as possible, as space is limited.
- Plan to arrive a few minutes early to sign in. Be sure to note in which county each class will be held.

Our receipt of your check will confirm your registration. If problems arise due to enrollment limits, we will contact you. Feel free to duplicate the registration form to share with friends.

Spring Garden Series: Vegetable Gardening 101



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Healthy Vegetables

March - April 2009

Classes taught by Master Gardeners

CLASSES IN TWO LOCATIONS

Lehigh County Agricultural Center
4184 Dorney Park Road, Room 108
Allentown

or

Northampton County
Greystone Building
14 Gracedale Avenue
Nazareth

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2009 SPRING GARDEN SERIES REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ Daytime Phone (____) _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

All classes are open to residents of both counties. Please register me for the following (check the appropriate blanks):

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

- ____ March 11th, Planning Your Vegetable Garden
- ____ March 25th, Starting Your Vegetable Plants
- ____ April 8th, Rain Gardens and Rain Barrels
- ____ April 22nd, Container Gardening

LEHIGH COUNTY

- ____ March 18th, Herbs to Use and Grow
- ____ April 1st, Starting Your Vegetable Garden
- ____ April 9th, Rain Gardens
- ____ April 22nd, Small Space Gardening

Cost \$7 for EACH session for program, handouts and refreshments.

If you register for all four classes in one location, the cost is \$25.

No refunds will be given for cancellations made less than five days in advance.

Mail this form to: Lehigh County Cooperative Extension, Lehigh County Agricultural Center, 4184 Dorney Park Road, Room 104, Allentown, PA 18104.

Make check payable to: Lehigh County Extension Special Account

Enrollment limited to 40 participants per class, on a first come, first-served basis.

IN NORTHAMPTON COUNTY:

Wednesday, March 11, 2009 — 7:00 p.m.

"Planning Your Vegetable Garden" with Patricia Corey

This session will cover the basics on where to place the garden, soil preparation, and how big your garden should be. We'll talk about basic tools and other helpful hints to make your garden a success!

Wednesday, March 25, 2009 — 7:00 p.m.

"Starting Your Vegetable Plants" with Judy Creighton

Judy will discuss which vegetables should be grown from transplants and which grow better from seed planted directly into the garden. We'll share tips for starting your own transplants from seed, and help you get the timing right to get your garden off to a great start!

Wednesday, April 8, 2009 — 7:00 p.m.

"Who'll Stop the Rain? Harvesting Rainwater Using Rain Gardens and Rain Barrels" with Wendy Gloffke

Gardens need water to thrive. In a typical rain storm, hundreds of gallons of water will run off your roof, and you can learn ways to capture and use this water, and increase infiltration into the water table, while reducing runoff. This session will review the basic how-to's for creating rain gardens and rain barrels.

Wednesday, April 22, 2009 — 7:00 p.m.

"Container Gardening" with Donna Baylor and Evanne Maher

Got limited space or time? Want an inexpensive garden that is easy to reach? You can grow nutritious herbs, vegetables, and flowers in containers! The Master Gardener will demonstrate building a vegetable/herb themed container garden in class. Learn about "scent-sational" groupings and the "Thriller-Filler-Spiller" method!

IN LEHIGH COUNTY:

Wednesday, March 18, 2009 — 7:00 p.m.

"Herbs to Use and Grow" with Judy Creighton

Fresh herbs are nutritious and add interest to all kinds of cooking. Grow the freshest herbs in your own yard and use them in your summer cuisine. This class will show you how inexpensive and easy to grow fabulous herbs can be!

Wednesday, April 1, 2009 — 7:00 p.m.

"Starting Your Vegetable Garden" with Joe Vincent

Joe will go over the basics that are important for all successful vegetable gardeners. He'll share his Master Gardener experience in locating gardens, deciding what to grow, obtaining seeds and plants, starting your own transplants, reading seed packets, and protecting your investment from garden-eating critters.

Thursday, April 9, 2009 — 7:00 p.m.

"Rain Gardens: A Beautiful Way to Preserve our Watershed" with Suzanne Allen

Interested in growing beautiful ornamental plants and helping the ecosystem? Pennsylvania contains 83,000 miles of streams and rivers. You can help improve water quality through your gardening practices. In this session, we will talk about reducing runoff and building rain gardens to promote water infiltration.

Wednesday, April 22, 2009 — 7:00 p.m.

"Small Space Gardening" with Shelley Penchick

You can grow a lot of food in a small space. Small gardens also require less weeding and watering. Shelley will talk about proven techniques, especially suited for small gardens.