

Summer 2019



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Greetings!

Summer is here, and UGA Extension Gwinnett has a lot to offer this season.



Minimize Mosquito Contact

Mosquitoes are quite troublesome throughout the summer and interfere with outdoor activities. The most effective method to control mosquitoes is finding and removing their breeding sites: clogged gutters, old tires, buckets, unused plastic swimming pools or other containers that collect and hold water. Prevent water from accumulating in the saucers of flowerpots or pet dishes. Apply insect repellents containing the chemical DEET according to label directions when outside or in high-risk areas. Make sure doors and

windows shut tightly, and repair any screens that are damaged to prevent mosquitoes from entering. By managing their breeding sites, and employing tactics to prevent them from biting, you can reduce their numbers around your home. Tim Daly is an Agricultural and Natural Resource Agent with UGA Extension. He may be contacted at 678.377.4011 or tdaly@uga.edu.

Turf and Landscape Diagnostics

Weeds can be major pests of home lawns. In addition to detracting from the natural beauty of turfgrasses, weeds compete for sunlight, soil moisture, nutrients, and space. For assistance with your weed problems, email a picture of your weed to Tim Daly and he will identify the type and how best to treat it. Tim is an Agricultural and Natural Resource Agent with UGA Extension. He may be contacted at 678-377.4011 or tdaly@uga.edu.



Monthly Garden & Landscape Tips

<u>Click here</u> for tips on lawn and garden care for July, August, and September.

Great Georgia Pollinator Census

August 23-24 2019

The Great Georgia Pollinator Census is a citizen science initiative and you can help! On August 23 and 24, Georgians across the state can count and record pollinators. Goals for this program include: creating pollinator habitat; learning how to identify pollinators; and helping researchers collect data on pollinator populations. Citizens will be asked to count pollinators on a favorite pollinator plant for 15 minutes, and then upload results to a website. We are looking for bumble bees, carpenter bees, small bees, honey bees, wasps, flies, butterflies, and other insects. This project is perfect for schools doing STEM work, Home Owner Associations, Community Gardens, and more! Register now at the event website: Great Georgia Pollinator Census. To schedule a training event for your group, contact Kim Fritz at kim.fritz@gwinnettcounty.com or 678.377.4010.



Upcoming Classes and Events

ServSafe Manager Training En Español

July 18 & 19 August 15 & 16 September 5 & 6

8:30am - 4:30pm \$140 (includes one book and test)



Taught in Spanish! Join this two-day class to learn about food safety, including foodborne illnesses, proper food handling, personal hygiene, and facility design and maintenance. The Georgia Department of Public Health recommends each food service establishment have a Certified Food Safety Manager. Each of the three sessions will be located at the Gwinnett County Government Annex, Second Floor Conference Room, 750 South Perry Street, Lawrenceville. For more information, contact Inés Beltrán at inesb@uga.edu or 678.377.4010.



4-H Kickoff Free! Rain or shine Grades K-12 Alexander Park August 24, 2019 10:30am - 1:00pm

Kickoff the new school year at Alexander Park and learn about fun, educational opportunities through Gwinnett 4-H. Drop by to meet our staff, ask questions, enjoy refreshments, participate in activities and receive resources! 4-H members engage in hands-on learning in agriculture, civic engagement, health and STEM programming that promotes leadership, life skills, and personal development.

4-H SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Grades 1–12

Healthy Living Camp, June 24–28 Hiking & Camping, July 16–17 Making Air Work, July 17 Critter Care, July 2



For details and registration form click here.



FARM FRIENDS

Visit us at the Gwinnett County Fair!

September 12 - September 22

Mondays - Thursdays: 5:00pm - 10:00pm Fridays: 5:00pm -10:30pm Saturdays: 11:00am - 10:30pm Sundays: 1:00pm - 9:00pm

Big Red Barn Gwinnett County Fairgrounds 2405 Sugarloaf Parkway, Lawrenceville www.GwinnettCountyFair.com

Come to the Big Red Barn and see our 4-H Farm Friends exhibit of calves, goats, fluffy bunnies, puppies, hatching chicks, and more! Meet our newest member, Chile the miniature donkey, baby of our own Ellie Mae. These cuties

would love to meet you, and for only \$1, it's the best deal at the fair! All proceeds support Extension's 4-H Youth Development Programming.



Free! Plant Propagation Wednesday, July 24 6:30pm to 7:30pm

Plants reproduce in other ways than just seeds. Stem cuttings and air layering are just a few of the easy methods of propagating plants. Some are easier than others. Come and learn how you can increase the number and variety of plants in our garden. <u>Click here to register.</u> Class code EXT34504. Ages 18+



Free! Facts on Flax Wednesday, July 31 10:00am to 11:00am

Flaxseed may help reduce the risk of cancer, diabetes, stroke, and heart disease. Find out all the details about this tiny seed and how to incorporate it into your healthy eating style. <u>Click here to register.</u> Class code EXT32604. Ages 50+



Free! Shade Gardening Thursday, July 25 Noon to 1:00pm

Got shade? Transform your shady landscape into a stunning and lush low-light garden with carefully selected ornamental plants that love minimal sunlight. <u>Click here to</u> <u>register.</u> Class code ANX34504. Ages 18+



Free! Ask a Garden Expert Monday, August 5 Noon to 1:00pm

From lawn maintenance to tree selection to pest management and more, let Tim Daly help you with your gardening questions and challenges. You may bring applicable photos, measurements, etc. to receive the best advice for your questions. <u>Click here to</u> <u>register.</u> Class code ANX34505. Ages 18+



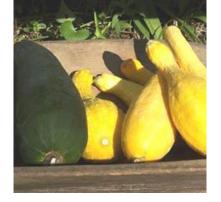
Free! Herb Gardening Wednesday, August 14 6:30pm to 7:30pm

Herbs are excellent garden plants that require minimal maintenance and come in a variety of scents, flavors, and colors. They can be used for culinary purposes, fragrance, ornamental plants, and indoor flower arrangements. Many herbs thrive in our area and climate. <u>Click here to register.</u> Class code EXT34505. Ages 18+



Free! Chocolate News Wednesday, August 21 10:00am to 11:00am

Learn all about chocolate, including its properties, nutritional value, benefits and more. <u>Click here to</u> <u>register.</u> Class code EXT32605. Ages 50+



Free! Fall Vegetable Gardening Monday, August 19 Noon to 1:00pm

Glazed carrots. Roasted cauliflower. Baked butternut squash. You can enjoy all these fresh dishes and more during the fall and winter. Find out what veggies prefer the cooler weather and the minimal maintenance they need for a successful yield. <u>Click here to</u> <u>register.</u> Class code ANX34506. Ages 18+



Free! Fall Vegetable Gardening Wednesday, August 28 6:30pm to 7:30pm

Though the colder weather will be here soon, many vegetables thrive in the fall and winter. Cabbage, kale, turnips, collards, and others can provide fresh vegetables during the colder weather. <u>Click here to</u> <u>register.</u> Class code EXT34506. Ages 18+

Farmers Market



Come to the UGA Extension Gwinnett "Ask a Master Gardener" booth this summer. Contact us at 678.377.4010 for details.

Lilburn Farmers Market

Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church 1400 Killian Hill Road, Lilburn Fridays from 4:00pm to 8:00pm July 12 • August 16

Norcross Farmers Market

Lillian Webb Park, 5 College Street, Norcross Saturdays from 9:00am to 1:00pm July 27 • August 17

Snellville Farmers Market

Snellville Town Green Saturdays from 8:30am to 12:30pm July 13 • July 27 • August 10 • August 24

Suwanee Farmers Market

Suwanee Town Square Saturdays from 8:00am to noon July 6 • July 20 • August 3 • August 17

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