



# THE LATEST FROM AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES RCE OF CAPE MAY COUNTY

October 17, 2024

## RCE EVENTS

2024 Garden and Grow Series



### Gardening for Wildlife in South Jersey



**Wednesday, October 23**  
 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

**Rutgers Cooperative Extension**  
 355 Court House - South Dennis Road  
 Cape May Court House, NJ 08210

**Presenter:** Adehl Schwaderer,  
 Program Coordinator, Cape May Bird  
 Observatory, NJ Audubon

**Participants will...**

- Gain a better understanding of how to transform your backyard into a haven for native species
- Learn which plants work best in your garden in South Jersey



Registration is required. No walk-ins. Cost \$5.  
 Register at: <https://go.rutgers.edu/lecqpywx>  
 Questions: Call 609-465-5115, ext. 3607 or Email  
[capemayag@njaes.rutgers.edu](mailto:capemayag@njaes.rutgers.edu)



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### Home Composting



**Wednesday, November 13**  
 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

**Rutgers Cooperative Extension**  
 355 Court House - South Dennis Road  
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**Presenter:** Belinda Chester  
 Program Associate II, RCE Atlantic County

**Participants will learn:**

- The science behind compost
- How to compost at home
- Why compost is good for your plants and the planet



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## OTHER EVENTS

- 21-Oct [Consumer Food Waste Webinar Series: Launch event-12:30 PM- Free Webinar](#)
- 22-Oct [Sustainable Jersey Water 101 Event- 6:00-8:00 pm- Free](#)
- 23-Oct [Public meeting of the Federal Advisory Committee for Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production 2:00 – 5:00 PM](#)
- 23-Oct [Technical Assistance Program for Agrivoltaics \(TAPAS\) Pilot Farmer Training Registration-5:00-7:30pm- Free Webinar](#)
- 24-Oct [Farmers Can Retire Too: Social Security Planning 12:00-1:00 PM-Free Webinar](#)
- 25-Oct [Short Videos, Big Results-12:00pm-12:30pm- Free Virtual Live Webinar](#)
- 30-Oct [Essential Skills: Managing Stress-1:00-2:00 PM-Free Webinar](#)
- 2-Nov [2024 Youth Hunter Take a Kid Pheasant Hunting Application](#)
- 6-Nov [Raising Your Prices Without Losing Customers-12:00pm-12:30pm- Free Virtual Live Webinar](#)
- 7-Nov [Winning Hearts and Wallets: Power of Outstanding Customer Service-12:00-12:30 PM- Free Webinar](#)
- 4-Dec [4 Ways to Financially Prepare for 2025-12:00pm-12:30pm- Free Virtual Live Webinar-12:00-12:30 PM-Free Webinar](#)
- 10-Jan [Can You Afford Employees at Your Farm Business?-12:00-12:30 PM-Free Webinar](#)
- 4-Feb [Food for Profit: Learn the Basics of Google Ads-12:00 -12:30 PM-Free Webinar](#)
- 19-Feb [Expanding Your Retail Farm Market-12:00-12:30 PM -Free Webinar](#)

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**LIVE WEBINAR**

**Consumer Food Waste Webinar Series: Launch Event**

October 21, 2024 12:30-1:15 PM EST

**Brian E. Roe, Ph.D**  
Ohio State University

**Sara Elakib, Ph.D, RDN**  
Rutgers Cooperative Extension

Ohio State University and Rutgers Cooperative Extension are launching the inaugural webinar of their monthly Consumer Food Waste series. Join us to learn how OSU and RCE joined forces, with USDA funding, to create a Consumer Food Waste Community of Practice. Insights into their efforts to combat food loss and waste will be shared along with the goals of the Community of Practice, and why it's crucial for professionals in sustainable food systems to get involved.

**Register Now:**  
<https://go.rutgers.edu/erwj0fjh>

Join the Community of Practice:  
<https://connect.extension.org/c/cfaw-cop>



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## NEWS

- [The Rutgers Agrivoltaics Program launches a new website](#)
- [Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program - September Coverage Deadline](#)
- [Untreated Seed Pilot Program \(USPP\) Fall 2024 – Fall 2025](#)
- [Farmer Guide to Fertilizing with Urine](#)
- [Resistance-breaking Tomato Spotted Wilt Virus present in tomato in New Jersey](#)

## PARTNERSHIP SPOTLIGHT AmeriCorps Watershed Ambassador



The AmeriCorps NJ Watershed Ambassadors Program is dedicated to promoting watershed stewardship through free educational programming and direct community involvement through partnership projects. This year's Watershed Ambassador for Cape May is Courtney Lacombe

Courtney studied Environmental Science at NC State and has worked in the Great Dismal Swamp, Outer Banks, and Chesapeake Bay areas doing environmental education and natural resource management. She recently moved to Cape May with her spouse who is stationed at the Coast Guard Training Center and is looking forward to getting to serve her new community as their Watershed Ambassador, hosted this year by Rutgers Cooperative Extension.

If you are interested in an educational program, stewardship training, or partnership project, please reach out to Courtney at [wma16.njwap@gmail.com](mailto:wma16.njwap@gmail.com).

If you'd like to learn more about the program, check out their website!  
<https://dep.nj.gov/wms/bears/ameri-corps-nj-watershed-ambassadors/>

## RUTGERS MASTER GARDENERS OF CAPE MAY COUNTY



### MASTER GARDENER TRAINING PROGRAM

Orientations starting in October for Atlantic, Bergen, Cape May, Cumberland, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Passaic, and Union Counties! We will provide you with all the information you need to decide if becoming a Rutgers Master Gardener is right for you. We will review the program's role, structure, training, and commitment.

For more information, contact your County Program Coordinator

Click below to find your local County Extension Office

**CONTACT US!**



Interested in becoming a Rutgers Master Gardener?  
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## RESOURCES

- [Beat the Heat: Companies for Farmers to Source Heat Stress Prevention Supplies](#)
- [Farmer Resource Guides](#)
- [National Farm Safety and Health Week](#)
- [Adding cover crops into integrated weed management programs](#)
- [USDA Launches Assistance Network to Support Financially Distressed Farmers and Ranchers](#)
- [Guidelines For Developing Pollinator- Friendly Utility-scale Solar Projects](#)
- [Mental Health Awareness & Suicide Prevention](#)
- [Update on Right to Repair](#)
- [Promoting small-scale maple syrup production on Facebook. A field experiment testing emphasis message frames](#)
- [Farm labor report: Labor challenges persist](#)
- [Creating an Inclusive Agritourism Experience](#)

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- [FSA Food Safety Certification for Specialty Crops](#)
- [HFFI- Healthy Food Financing Initiative- FARE FUND](#)
- [NJ Innovative Healthy Food Retail Initiative](#)
- [Farmer Grant Program](#)-Due Nov 12
- [Organic Certification Cost Share Program](#)-Due Oct 31
- [Marketing and Branding Consulting Services Grant](#)-Due Oct 31
- [ACT NOW: New Jersey Accepting Applications for 2025 Program Offerings](#)-Due Oct18
- [Innovation in Dairy Processing and Packaging Grant](#)-Due Oct 31
- [Inflation Reduction Act Community Change Grants Program](#)-Due Nov 21

## GARDENING TIP – October By Jennifer Sawyer Caraballo

I know it is tempting to clean up the garden but leaving stems and plants that go to seed to provide wildlife habitat and winter interest! Do cut back and clean up any plant matter/foliage that was diseased but, if possible, leave the leaves! Don't throw all that lovely organic matter in the bin - unless it is the compost bin!



## FACTSHEETS

- [E259: Deer and Elk Farming](#)
- [FS1359: Soil Health: Purpose and Management](#)
- [FS1917: Llamas and Alpacas Westendorf, M. and Stahl, T.](#)
- [E296: Agricultural Management Practices for Commercial Equine Operations](#)

## PLANT & PEST ADVISORY

- [Landscape, Ornamentals, Nursery, and Turf Pest Notes](#)
- [Vegetable Crop IPM update](#)
- [Tree Fruit IPM Report](#)

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**GOT GARDEN QUESTIONS?**  
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**Classes  
 begin  
 January 21  
 2025!**

MAKE A  
**DIFFERENCE**  
 IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Become a  
**RUTGERS ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARD**



**A Rutgers Environmental Steward** is a trained volunteer addressing local environmental issues.

Key program details include:

- Weekly classes with experts (Tuesdays, 5:30-8 PM; 11 online, 5 in-person)
- Field trips to significant environmental sites
- Topics: climate change, invasive species, recycling, soil health, renewable energy, water quality, habitat conservation, pollinator protection, food waste
- Requirement: Complete a 60-hour community project for certification
- Program fee: \$300 early bird (until Dec. 31), \$325 after.

**Anyone can become an Environmental Steward!**

No previous experience needed. You simply need a passion for the environment, a desire to learn, and a willingness to volunteer to create positive change in your community.



To register or learn more visit:  
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# BOBWHITE QUAIL SERIES

*A WFW webinar series  
 focused on Northern  
 Bobwhite biology,  
 management, and current  
 research.*

**OCTOBER 10 | BOBWHITE HABITAT**

**NOVEMBER 14 | BOBWHITE IN AG SPACES**

**DECEMBER 12 | BOBWHITE IN PASTURE SYSTEMS**

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**JANUARY 9 | BOBWHITE IN PINE FORESTED SYSTEMS**

**FEBRUARY 13 | BOBWHITE IN HARDWOOD FORESTED SYSTEMS**

**MARCH 13 | QUAIL MONITORING METHODS**

**APRIL 10 | BOBWHITE BREEDING SEASON ROOST SITE IN AN  
 AG LANDSCAPE**






SCAN TO REGISTER!  
 Vince and Holly Crawford