



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

April 2, 2025

RCE EVENTS

Eat What You Grow Series 2025
Upcoming Seasonal Sessions - Choice of Day or Evening
Spring - April 9, 6:30 to 8pm or April 17, 1 to 2:30pm
Summer - June 11, 6:30 to 8pm or June 12, 1 to 2:30pm
Fall - October 15, 6:30 to 8pm or October 16, 1 to 2:30pm



Eat What You Grow: Spring Session

April 9, 2025 * 6:30 to 8pm * \$10
April 17, 2025 * 1 to 2:30pm * \$10

Presenters: Anneliese Kuemmerle, MS, RDN, FCHS Program Associate II
Jen Sawyer Caraballo, ANR Program Associate II

Participants will learn about...

Seed starting, greens & root vegetables, how to shop at farm markets/stands, benefits of eating seasonally, preserving spring harvests, and encouraging kids to eat what they grow!

Plus, get hands-on experience sowing tomato seeds to take home with recipe idea cards.

Classes take place at Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Cape May County
355 Court House - South Dennis Road, CMCH, NJ 08210

Register for April 9 class at: <https://go.rutgers.edu/2ndjz63h>



Register for April 17 class at: <https://go.rutgers.edu/8w6qqq4w>

County Employees who attend this class will earn 10 Wellness Incentive Points!
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Start Your Gardens 2025 **Vegetable Gardening Series**

"Planting and Plant Care"
Session 3 of the 4 Part Series



April 16, 2025
6:30 - 8:00pm

Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Cape May County
355 Court House-South Dennis Road, CMCH, NJ 08210

Participants will learn:

- Succession Planting
- Companion Planting
- Plant Care (Watering, Fertilizing, Staking, Pests & Diseases)

Class open to all skill levels.

Cost: \$10

Register at: <https://go.rutgers.edu/aafaj7q5>



For information, call 609-465-5115, ext. 3607
or email capemayag@njaes.rutgers.edu

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2025 Garden and Grow Workshop Series

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New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station

Rain Barrels & Water Conservation



Friday, April 25

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Lockwood 4-H Youth Center
355 Court House - South Dennis Road
Cape May Court House, NJ 08210

Presenter: Courtney Lacombe
AmeriCorps NJ Watershed Ambassador,
Watershed Management Area 16

Rain barrels can help protect our watersheds by reducing runoff, conserving water, and controlling pollution.

Participants will learn...

- How to build a rain barrel including construction, installation, & maintenance
- Build their own rain barrel to take home



Cost: \$25 Build a barrel * Limited to 10 people*

Register at: <https://go.rutgers.edu/8bka5vhs>



Cost: \$5, no barrel, register at: <https://go.rutgers.edu/3if8fceu>

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[Click Here to Build a Rain Barrel to
Take Home!](#)

[Click Here to Just Take the Class](#)

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of Cape May County**
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Rutgers Cooperative Extension is excited to present

The Urban Garden

Join us for 8 virtual workshops:
February 19
March 5 & 19
April 2, 16 & 30
May 14 & 28
Wednesdays from 7:00pm - 8:15pm

Learn about starting a vegetable garden, soil health, medicinal herbs and more!

AN EDUCATIONAL WEB SERIES IN SPANISH ON URBAN AGRICULTURE

For more information and to register, visit:
<https://go.rutgers.edu/8v5102gn>
or contact Claudia Urdanvia at cu1@njaes.rutgers.edu

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**GOT GARDEN QUESTIONS?
Call the Cape May County
Horticulture Helpline
(609) 465 5115 Ext. 3653**

Contact us:
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Paint A Drain
**at Cape May National
Wildlife Refuge**

Tuesday, April 22 | 10 AM - 12 PM
22001 Pacific Ave, Wildwood Crest, NJ 08260

Registration Required
Register your group to paint one of the storm drains at Two Mile Beach to raise awareness about keeping our oceans clean from litter and pollutants!

Scan or click the QR code to learn more & register. There are limited drains available.

Friends of Cape May NWR
friends@capemayrefuge@gmail.com
Courtney Lacombe
wma16.rjwap@gmail.com

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FRIDAY EVENING
Frog Walks

April 11 & 18 | 7PM
Cape May Point State Park

Join Cape May Point State Park and your Watershed Ambassador for an evening of froggy fun fit for the whole family! Discover the frogs of Cape May and take an easy evening hike to explore which frogs we can see and hear at the park.

All participants should meet at the Classroom. There is a \$3 program fee per person charged by the park for attendance.

Rain or Shine
Bring your own flashlight!

AmeriCorps

OTHER EVENTS

- 7, 14, 21 Apr [Starting a Native Plant Nursery](#). 12:30 PM. Fee: \$30.00
- 8 Apr [About - Exploring the Small Farm Dream](#). 6:00 PM. Fee: \$50
- 8 Apr [Five Tips for Managing Cash Flow at Your Farm Business](#). 12:00 PM. Free webinar
- 10 Apr [Forest Farming: Ramps Research Update](#). 12:00 PM. Free webinar.
- 15 Apr [Vineyard Sprayer Best Practices: Expert Forum Discussion](#). 12:00 PM. Free webinar
- 22 Apr [Food for Profit: Pricing Your Proteins](#). 12:30 PM. Free webinar
- 23 Apr [Heat Illness Prevention for the Hispanic Workforce \(Spanish\)](#). 12:00 PM. Free webinar.
- 24 Apr [Building Your Best Business Plan](#). 12:00 PM. Fee: \$20.00
- 13 May [Small Business Success: Essential Tips for Summer Recordkeeping](#). 12:00 PM, Free webinar
- 20 – 21 May [Juice and Wine Laboratory Analysis](#). 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Fee: \$150
- 20 May [Boosting Financial Wellness: Money and Nutrition](#). 12:00 PM. Free webinar
- 27 May [Tips for Effectively Managing Teens at Your Farm Business](#). 12:00 PM. Free webinar
- 10 Jun [Constructing a Personal Budget Sheet as a Farm Owner](#). 12:00 PM. Free webinar
- 12 Jun [Living on a Few Acres: Permaculture and Cut Flower Production](#). 6:00 PM. Fee: \$5.00

NEWS

- [The Rutgers Agrivoltaics Program launches a new website](#)
- [Untreated Seed Pilot Program \(USPP\) Fall 2024 – Fall 2025](#)
- [Resistance-breaking Tomato Spotted Wilt Virus present in tomato in New Jersey](#)

PLANT & PEST ADVISORY

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

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FREE PROGRAM
**Contemporary IPM
Topics & Management**

**First Session:
Tuesday 4/8 - 12pm**

**NEW - 2025
Ornamental IPM Program**

Registration includes

- Site visits, printed IPM resources
- Free pheromone & sticky trap kits
- Access to live bi-weekly webinars (Zoom)
- Recorded webinars with Spanish overdub

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REGISTER HERE
<https://go.rutgers.edu/e64zftw>

FREE REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Questions or more info...
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SCAN HERE

**Some Good News:
Environmental Success Stories in New Jersey**

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This spring, we highlight impactful programs that made a difference in protecting the Garden State. From shellfish habitat restoration to plastic reduction, these projects showcase the creativity, collaboration, and dedication of individuals, organizations, and communities working towards a greener future. Join us as we explore the stories behind these successes, learn about the challenges overcome, and discover how these initiatives can serve as models for environmental progress in New Jersey and beyond.

April 14 – **Forestry Success in the Woodlands**, Benjamin Pisano & Dylan Wiget, NJ Forest Service

April 21 – **Plastic Reductions in NJ**, N. Dini Checko, Association of NJ Environmental Commissioners

April 28 – **Ocean Observation on the Jersey Shore**, Dr. Travis Miles, Rutgers University

May 5 – **Wildlife Recovery in NJ**, Kathleen Kerwin, Wildlife Biologist

May 12 – **Dam Removal/Restoration**, Carl Alderson, NOAA

May 19 – **Shellfish & Marine Habitat Restoration**, Dr. Christina Thompson, Stockton University & Capt. Alek Modjeski, American Littoral Society

All webinars start at 6:30pm

To register for this webinar series, please visit:
<https://go.rutgers.edu/somegoodnews>

This webinar series is a collaboration between two Extension programs: Earth Day, Every Day (E2D2) and the Marine Extension Program Seminar Series (MEPSS). If you want to learn more about E2D2 or MEPSS please visit <https://extension.rutgers.edu/earth-day-every-day>, or <https://ocean.rutgers.edu/marine-habitat-restoration-for-the-extension-program-seminar-series/>.

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GARDENING TIP
By Jen Sawyer Caraballo

There is still time to start some seeds indoors! And it is time to start clearing out any debris from last year's garden. Rake up leaves and non-diseased plant material for the compost. Direct sow cool season vegetables such as lettuces and radish. Start getting some summer flowering bulbs in the ground. Don't forget to do a soil test if it has been more than 3 years or your plants are just doing well no matter what you add or grow

RESOURCES

- [Farmer Resource Guides](#)
- [Adding cover crops into integrated weed management programs](#)
- [Guidelines For Developing Pollinator- Friendly Utility-scale Solar Projects](#)
- [Mental Health Awareness & Suicide Prevention](#)
- [Update on Right to Repair](#)
- [Farm labor report: Labor challenges persist](#)
- [Creating an Inclusive Agritourism Experience](#)
- [Goats Help Prevent Grassland Loss to Invasive Trees – ATTRA – Sustainable Agriculture](#)
- [Long-term Study Shows Plants Adapt Genetically to Organic Farming – ATTRA – Sustainable Agriculture](#)
- [Online Tool Will Help Small Farmers Assess Economics of Leafy Greens – ATTRA – Sustainable Agriculture](#)
- [Pricing Agritourism Events and Experiences](#)
- [Effective Pricing Methods for Produce at Farmers Markets](#)
- [Farmer Guide to Fertilizing with Urine](#)
- [10 Questions to Ask Before Committing to a Farmers' Market](#)

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- [Healthy Food Financing Initiative- Food Access and Retail Expansion Fund](#): Proposals should contribute to food access through the availability of an assortment of Staple and Perishable Foods for retail sale, either directly or as part of the retail supply chain. Funding Inquiry Form deadline: March 3 for grants, loans and technical assistance are accepted on a rolling basis.
- [Northeast Dairy Business Innovation Dairy Co-Packing Grant](#): Application is open until April 10 at 2pm. This grant supports existing licensed dairy processors and dairy brands in the Northeast engaged in or planning to use co-packing arrangements. Grants will range from \$15,000 to \$150,000
- [Food Safety Certification for Specialty Crops Program](#). Provides financial assistance for specialty crop operations that incur eligible on-farm food safety program expenses related to obtaining or renewing a food safety certification.

NJ 2025 Pesticide Container Recycling Dates

Receive 1 CORE Point

RECYCLING STEP BY STEP

- ★ TRIPLE RINSE ✓
- ★ REMOVE BOOKLET ✓
- ★ DRILL HOLES ✓

NOT ACCEPTABLE

- Dried residue in container
- Dried residue on container

ACCEPTABLE

- Clean container
- Stained yet clean container

DROP OFF TIME 9 AM-12 PM AT EACH LOCATION

SALEM COUNTY	ATLANTIC COUNTY	MONMOUTH COUNTY
HELENA CHEMICAL 440 N. MAIN ST. WOODSTOWN, NJ	HELENA CHEMICAL 66 ROUTE 206 (NORTH OF THE ROUTE 30/206 INTERSECTION) HAMMONTON, NJ	RUTGERS FRUIT AND ORNAMENTAL RESEARCH EXTENSION CENTER 283 ROUTE 539 CREAM RIDGE, NJ
4/18/25 5/23/25 6/20/25	4/11/25 5/16/25 6/13/25	4/25/25 5/30/25 6/27/25

REDUCE. REUSE. RECYCLE.

Notify Rachel DeFlumeri with the location, date, and time you will drop off if possible or to ask questions: Rachel.DeFlumeri@nj.gov

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT PESTICIDE CONTAINER RECYCLING: <https://www.nj.gov/agriculture/divisions/amr/mrcr/processingsteps.html>

MARKETING TIP

By Claudia Gil Arroyo

Using social media to market your farm has many advantages, one of them is the opportunity to have direct contact with your customers and potential customers. Take advantage of the direct message features on your social media accounts to gain new customers and increase loyalty to your business. Answer questions and take care of issues through direct message, studies say that over 70% of users will move on to another business if their messages have no reply. So don't forget to check those inboxes! And make sure you reply to all messages even if it's to say you need a little more time to answer a question or address an issue.



FACTSHEETS

- [E259: Deer and Elk Farming](#)
- [E296: Agricultural Management Practices for Commercial Equine Operations](#)
- [E376: Beech Leaf Disease & Experimental Management Options](#)
- [FS886: Ostrich, Emu, and Rhea Production](#)
- [FS1081: To Blanket or Not to Blanket?](#)
- [FS1118: Rain Barrels Part II: Installation and Use](#)
- [FS1126: Jersey Summer Shore Safety: Expired Marine Flares](#)
- [FS1142: Winter Care for Horses](#)
- [FS1143: Winter Feeding for Horses](#)
- [FS1216: Cyanobacteria \(Blue-Green Algae\) in Waterway](#)
- [FS1320: Eastern Copperheads in New Jersey \(Rutgers NJAES\)](#)
- [FS1359: Soil Health: Purpose and Management](#)
- [FS1362: Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program: How to Apply for Benefits & Tips for Healthy Eating \(Rutgers NJAES\)](#)
- [FS1917: Llamas and Alpacas.](#)

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