



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

April 21, 2025

RCE EVENTS

2025 Garden and Grow Workshop Series

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY
 Cooperative Extension
 of Cape May County
 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/ebka5vhs>

Cost: \$5, no barrel, register at: <https://go.rutgers.edu/3i8fscu>

Questions: Call 609-465-5115, ext. 3607 or Email capemayag@njaes.rutgers.edu

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The Healing Garden: Cultivating and Using Medicinal Herbs

Tuesday, May 20, 2025
 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

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

Presenters:
 Claudia Gil Arroyo, County Agent III
 Agriculture and Natural Resources
 Jen Sawyer Caraballo, ANR Program Associate II

Participants will learn...

- to identify chamomile, lemon balm, lemon verbena, yarrow, calendula, and peppermint
- to use these medicinal herbs for different ailments
- to grow and harvest these medicinal herbs

Cost: \$10
 Register at: <https://go.rutgers.edu/yo2zm6zo>

County Employees who attend this class will earn 10 Wellness Incentive Points!

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Eat What You Grow Series 2025

Upcoming Seasonal Sessions - Choice of Day or Evening

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: Summer Session
June 11 at 6:30 to 8pm * June 12 at 1 to 2:30pm * Cost \$10

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

Participants will learn about...

- How and when to harvest
- Preparing to extend the garden season
- Preserving the Harvest and Avoiding Food Waste
- Quick and Easy Balanced Summer Meals and Snacks
- Food Demonstration: Tabbouleh Salad

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Register for June 11 class at: <https://go.rutgers.edu/cgajzlyr>

Register for June 12 class at: <https://go.rutgers.edu/jq6ek6z>

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Start Your Gardens 2025

Vegetable Gardening Series

"Harvesting, Preserving & Extending the Season"
Session 4 of the 4 Part Series

Wednesday, June 18, 2025
 6:30 - 8:00pm

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 355 Court House-South Dennis Road, CMCH, NJ 08210

Participants will learn:

- When to harvest
- Ways to use their vegetables
- Storage methods
- Planting cold hardy crops for overwintering
- Using row covers & hoop houses
- Getting a jump on spring planting & harvesting

Class open to all skill levels.

Cost: \$10
 Register at: <https://go.rutgers.edu/bdroadqrz>

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





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Paint A Drain
at Cape May National Wildlife Refuge

Tuesday, April 22 | 10 AM - 12 PM
12001 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
wml6@njwsp@gmail.com

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/gv5t02gn>
or contact Claudia Urdanvia at crul@njaes.rutgers.edu

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OTHER EVENTS

- 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
- 8-May [Marketing Microgreens](#). 12:00 PM. Free Webinar
- 13-May [Small Business Success: Essential Tips for Summer Recordkeeping](#). 12:00 PM. Free webinar
- 12-May [Food Business Basics](#). 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Free webinar.
- 14-May [Essential Skills: Negotiating Across Diversity](#). 11:00 AM. 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
- 24-Jun [Business Financial Tracking: There's an App for That](#). 12:00. Free Webinar
- 15-Jul [Harvesting Innovation: AI Energy and Precision Agriculture](#). 1:00 PM. Free Webinar

NEWS

- [Untreated Seed Pilot Program \(USPP\) Fall 2024 – Fall 2025](#)
- [Resistance-breaking Tomato Spotted Wilt Virus present in tomato in New Jersey](#)
- [USDA Designates 4 New Jersey Counties as Natural Disaster Areas](#)

PLANT & PEST ADVISORY

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



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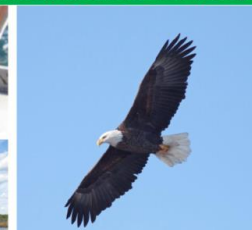
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RESOURCES

- [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](#)
- [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](#)
- [National Cover Crop Survey Reports](#)

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.

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| <p>April 14 – Forestry Success in the Pinelands. Benjamin Pismo & Dylan Wiget, NJ Forest Service</p> <p>April 21 – Plastic Reductions in NJ. N. Dini Chacko, Association of NJ Environmental Commissions</p> <p>April 28 – Ocean Observation on the Jersey Shore. Dr. Travis Miles, Rutgers University</p> | <p>May 5 – Wildlife Recovery in NJ. Kathleen Kerwin, Wildlife Biologist</p> <p>May 12 – Dam Removal/Restoration. Carl Alderson, NOAA</p> <p>May 19 – Shellfish & Marine Habitat Restoration. Dr. Christine Thompson, Stockton University & Capt. Alek Modjeski, American Littoral Society</p> |
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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://extension.rutgers.edu/marine-extension-program-seminar-series/>.



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 Extension programs are offered subject to available resources. Funding, staff, and other support are subject to change without notice.

GARDENING TIP

By Jen Sawyer Caraballo

Finish up prepping your garden beds. Apply mulch where needed in your perennial beds and around shrubs/trees. You may need to start potting up or hardening off those seedlings you started indoors in March. Plant any cool season seedlings. Don't forget to watch the overnight temperatures! If you have transplants in the garden, they may need to have some overnight protection if the temperature is going to drop below 40. Deadhead your daffodils and let the leaves die back naturally – this allows the plant to store up food in the bulb for next year's blooms!



FACTSHEETS

- [E376: Beech Leaf Disease & Experimental Management Options](#)
- [FS221: Asparagus Beetles](#)
- [FS224: Colorado Potato Beetle](#)
- [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 \(Rutgers NJAES\)](#)
- [FS1365: Blueberry Integrated Pest Management Delivery Program](#)
- [FS1917: Llamas and Alpacas.](#)

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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.
- [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.
- [New Jersey Agricultural Conservation Easement Program](#). On March 13, 2024, NRCS announced it will invest about \$138 million of financial assistance from the Inflation Reduction Act in 138 new conservation easements, through which farmers and ranchers are conserving wetlands, grasslands and prime farmlands. Apply By May 7th

Coastal Stewardship Course

Rutgers Cooperative Extension is hosting our annual Coastal Stewardship course which is a part of the Barnegat Bay Shellfish Restoration Program (BBSRP) and our collaborations with ReClam the Bay.

Come learn how to be a more responsible steward of our marine resources and how to get involved with local efforts to improve the health of our coastal ecosystems. Our main teaching tools will be Barnegat Bay ecology and shellfish restoration and aquaculture.

Some of the topics covered will include:

- Shellfish Biology and Aquaculture
- Water Quality and Microplastics
- Shellfish and Seagrass Restoration
- Habitat Restoration and Living Shorelines
- Climate Change and Coastal Resiliency
- Volunteer Opportunities

Full schedule and topics are on the next page.

Ten weekly Tuesday evening classes (7:00-9:00 PM) from May 27 through July 29 with both in-class and webinar participation options.

Please [click here](#) or scan the QR code to register by Friday, May 23, 2025.

Program Fee: \$50.00/person
(graduates from past years are free as continuing education)

For more information, please contact:

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Make checks payable to "Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey", mailed to RCE of Ocean County, 1623 Whitesville Rd., Toms River, NJ 08755



Rutgers Cooperative Extension Barnegat Bay Shellfish Restoration Program (BBSRP) 2025 Coastal Stewardship Course

Weekly evening classes (7:00-9:00 PM) on Tuesdays from May 27 – July 29. All classes include a webinar option, while seven classes are HyFlex and also have in-class option (Ocean County Extension Office, 1623 Whitesville Rd, Toms River, NJ). HyFlex classes are printed in red and webinar only classes are in black.

May 27: Barnegat Bay Ecology

Dr. Doug Zemeckis (Rutgers University)
Bill Walsh (ReClam the Bay)
Andrew McGowan (Barnegat Bay Partnership)

June 3: Barnegat Bay Monitoring & Management

Dr. Steve Yergeau (Rutgers University)
Gregg Sakowicz (Rutgers University)
Graceanne Taylor (Save Barnegat Bay)

June 10: Shellfish Biology, Restoration, & Aquaculture

Jenny Paterno Shinn (Rutgers University)
Dr. Mike Acquafredda (Rutgers University)

June 17: Shell Recycling and Shellfish Restoration

Angela Andersen (Long Beach Township)
Scott Stueber (NJDEP)
Julie Schumacher-Carroll (American Littoral Society)

June 24: Stewardship and Volunteer Opportunities

Bill Walsh (ReClam the Bay)
Christine Moran (Rutgers University)
Kaitlin Gannon (Rutgers University)
Mike Danko (NJ Sea Grant Consortium)
Nina Sassano (Barnegat Bay Partnership)

July 1: Seagrass & Shellfish Restoration

Nina Colagiovanni (NJDEP)
Meredith Comi (Monmouth University)

July 8: Habitat Restoration & Living Shorelines

Kristin Adams (Ocean County Soil Cons. District)
Jim Dugan (Mordecai Land Trust/ReClam the Bay)
Captain Al Modjeski (American Littoral Society)

July 15: Barnegat Bay Fisheries

Dr. Paul Iovetti (Rider University)
Dr. Doug Zemeckis (Rutgers University)

July 22: Current Environmental Issues

Dr. Allison Fitzgerald (New Jersey City University)
Dr. Douglas Zemeckis (Rutgers University)

July 29: Beach Nesting Birds & Coastal Resiliency

Todd Pover (Conserve Wildlife Foundation of NJ)
Amanda Archer (Rutgers University)



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NJ 2025 Pesticide Container Recycling Dates

RECYCLING STEP BY STEP

1. TRIPLE RINSE ✓

2. REMOVE BOOKLET ✓

3. 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 |
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| HELENA CHEMICAL 440 N. MAIN ST., WOODSTOWN, NJ 4/18/25 5/23/25 6/20/25 | HELENA CHEMICAL 66 ROUTE 206 (NORTH OF THE ROUTE 30/206 INTERSECTION) HAMMONTON, NJ 4/11/25 5/16/25 6/13/25 | RUTGERS FRUIT AND ORNAMENTAL RESEARCH EXTENSION CENTER 283 ROUTE 539 CREAM RIDGE, NJ 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/extension/pesticide-container-recycling.html

NOFA-NJ 2ND ANNUAL MUSHROOM FEST

MAY 10TH

9:30-10 AM CHECK IN @ **OVER THE MOON ART STUDIO**

10AM OPENING KEYNOTE

11AM

- COOKING DEMO (OTM)
- FORAGING GUIDE (APBC)
- SHIITAKE LOG INNOVATION (K)
- VALUE ADDED COLLABS (OTM)

12PM

- COOKING DEMO (OTM)
- SHIITAKE LOG INNOVATION (K)
- GROW LAB DESIGN & TECH (OTM)
- FORAGING GUIDE (APBC)

1PM

- EAT YOUR WEEDS (K)
- COOKING DEMO (OTM)

2PM

- DIY GROW BLOCK (K)
- LARGE SCALE PRODUCTION (OTM)
- FABRIC DYEING (OTM)

3PM

- DIY GROW BLOCK (K)
- THERAPEUTIC POLICY (OTM)

REGISTER ONLINE
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