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Gardening Tip By Jen Sawyer Caraballo

It's that time of year to get your warm season vegetables into the ground! Tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers...all your favorite summer veg.



Other Events

- 18-Jun <u>Removing Invasive Plants from Home Landscapes and</u> <u>Reducing Their Spread. 7:00PM. Free Webinar</u>
- 23-Jun <u>Using Stormwater Resources for Water Quality Improvement.</u> <u>7:00 PM. Free for ANJEC Member. \$35 Non Member</u>

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- 24-Jun <u>Business Financial Tracking: There's an App for That. 12:00 PM</u> <u>Free Webinar</u>
- 24-Jun <u>Microgreens: Systems, Nutrients, and Water. 12:00 PM. Free</u> <u>Webinar</u>
- 26-Jun Food Democracy Lunch and Learn June 2025. 12:00 PM. Free Webinar
- 15-Jul <u>Harvesting Innovation: AI Energy and Precision Agriculture.</u> <u>1:00 PM Free Webinar</u>
- 15-Jul Transitioning the Farm: Envisioning Your Farm's Future. 12:00PM. \$15
- 16-Jul <u>Mental Health First Aid for Adults Working with Youth</u> <u>8:45 AM - 4:00 PM. \$35.00</u>
- 17-Jul <u>Microgreens: Lighting Solutions and Strategies. 12:00PM. Free</u> <u>Webinar</u>
- 22-Jul <u>Getting Started with Value-Added Products for Profitability.</u> 12:00 PM Free Webinar
- 26-Aug <u>Making Instagram and Your Farm Business a Success.</u> <u>12:00 PM-12:30 PM. Free Webinar</u>
- 4-Sept <u>Forest Farming: Introduction to American Ginseng. 6:30</u> <u>PM-8:00 PM Free Webinar</u>



Got Gardening Questions? Call the Cape May County Horticulture Helpline (609)465-5115 EXT 3653

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355 Court House – South Dennis Rd. Cape May Court House, NJ 08210 Mon – Fri 8:30AM – 4:30PM

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Funding Opportunities

- <u>NJDA Nutrient Management Assistance Grant</u>. Funds available for the purchase of manure spreaders, spreader equipment maintenance and management of a community use program. There are also funds available for outreach and education and development of animal waste management programs. Apply by June 16.
- <u>The Local Agriculture Market Program</u>. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) today announced \$26.5 million in grant funding available through the Local Agriculture Market Program (LAMP) to help local and regional food entities develop, coordinate, and expand producer-to-consumer marketing, local and regional food markets, and local food enterprises. LAMP includes the Farmers Market Promotion Program (FMPP), Local Food Promotion Program (LFPP), and the Regional Food System Partnerships (RFSP). USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is accepting applications for the grant programs until June 27, 2025.
- <u>Healthy Food Financing Initiative- Food Access and Retail Expansion Fund</u>: 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. Last Round is August 4, 2025.

Resources

- Creating an Inclusive Agritourism Experience
- Farmer Guide to Fertilizing with Urine
- Mental Health Awareness & Suicide Prevention
- <u>National Cover Crop Survey Reports</u>
- <u>Guidelines For Developing Pollinator- Friendly</u> <u>Utility-scale Solar Projects</u>
- Effective Pricing Methods for Produce at Farmers Markets
- Adding cover crops into integrated weed management programs
- <u>Update on Right to Repair</u>
- Farmer Resource Guides
- <u>Pricing Agritourism Events and Experiences</u>

Pest Management Fact Sheets

- E265-Commercial Blueberry Pest Control Recommendations for New Jersey
- E283-Commercial Grape Pest Control Recommendations for New Jersey
- <u>E308-Commercial Cranberry Pest Control</u> <u>Recommendations for New Jersey</u>
- FS1315-Best Management Practices for Copper Fungicide Use
- FS1365-Blueberry Integrated Pest Management Delivery Program

Rutgers Master Gardeners



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Congratulations to the seven Cape May County students who successfully completed the initial classroom training for the 2025 Rutgers Master Gardeners Program. They are Amy Sciolo, Karen Thompson, Stephanie Brown, Lisa Gilroy, Lori Camposeo, Cathy Yerzley, and Christine DiDonato (not in photos). The candidates are now beginning their internships through volunteer opportunities on the Gardening Helpline and at local events. Each student will be required to take 10 more hours of classroom training along with additional volunteer service hours by the end of December 2025 to become a Certified Rutgers Master Gardener.

Plant & Pest Advisory

- Landscape, Ornamentals, Nursery, and Turf Pest Notes
- <u>Vegetable Crop IPM update</u>
- <u>Tree Fruit IPM Report</u>



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