

2018 Extension Gardener Course Syllabus

Topic	Class Time 9:00 - Noon	Description
Class 1: Think Before You Plant	Tues, 2/27	Make the most of your yard by considering the big picture to determine what you want and need from your landscape, the best location for different types of plantings, and to increase your understanding of how your yard can contribute to the health of our local ecosystems.
Class 2: Growing Healthy Soil	Tues, 3/6	Focus will be on common soil problems, how to diagnose them, and how to improve your soil with compost, cover crops, and other soil amendments.
Class 3: Growing Veggies & Herbs	Tues, 3/13	You will learn the basics of year-round vegetable gardening in beds and containers, including planting times and care of a range of crops, season extension practices, and integrated pest management practices.
Class 4: The Care & Growing of Fruit Trees	Tues, 3/20	We will explore which fruits can realistically be grown in our climate, recommended varieties and their pollination needs, care and pruning, and integrated pest management practices that will maximize your chance of success. <i>Dr. Mike Parker, NCSU Extension Specialist & Associate Professor (Tree Fruits & Pecans) will be joining us for this class.</i>
Class 5: Selecting & Caring for Ornamental Plants	Tues, 3/27	During this class, we will discuss what you need to know to select the right plants for your landscape as well as learn about some of the best trees, shrubs and flowers for Franklin County landscapes. We will discuss how to care for your landscape without harming the environment. Practices covered will include pruning, weed management, watering, and mulching.
Class 6: Diagnosing Plant Problems & Pest Management	Tues, 4/3	During this class, will learn how to diagnose plant problems by studying the symptoms caused by common pest insects, plant diseases, and abiotic disorders. We will explore sustainable, integrated methods to reduce pest pressure in your yard as well as how to control insect pest and plant disease outbreaks when necessary. Methods covered include creating habitat for beneficial insects, maximizing your plants' ability to resist pests, and use of natural and synthetic pest control products.

All classes will be held in the Franklin County Extension Center ANNEX, located at 103 South Bickett Blvd. Louisburg, NC 27549.

This class is free and open to the public. Registration is REQUIRED & is due by Friday, February 23, 2018.

Online Registration form can be located here: <http://go.ncsu.edu/edgecombegardener>

Complete details about the course are available online at <https://franklin.ces.ncsu.edu>, or by contacting the Franklin County Extension Center at 919-496-3344 or colby_griffin@ncsu.edu



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Persons with disabilities and persons with limited English proficiency may request accommodations to participate by contacting Colby Griffin, County Extension Agent, Agriculture – Horticulture at 919.496.3344 or email colby_griffin@ncsu.edu or fax 919.496.0222 or appear in person at the County Extension Office at least 10 days prior to the event registration deadline.