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HORTICULTURE
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Hello Horticulturalists!

The cold of this January makes me look forward to the warmth of summer! Be careful and stay warm. Take this time to start planning your spring garden!

Sincerely,

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What can I plant SOON!

Beets	March 15
Broccoli (plants)	April 5
Brussel sprouts	April 5
Cabbage	March 25
Carrots	March 20
Cauliflower (plants)	April 5
Collards	March 10
Kale	March 20
Lettuce	March 25
Onion sets	March 10
Peas	March 1
Potatoes	March 15
Radishes	March 10
Spinach	March 1
Turnip	March 10

Seed Swap

Thursday, Feb 27th ~ 10 am to 12 noon

Interested in learning more about saving seeds? Come to the Seed Swap! We will have a lot of information to share about seed saving and gardening.

If you have seeds to share, great! But if not, that's OK, come anyway! We should have plenty for everyone.

Acceptable seeds are those saved from open-pollinated varieties of plants or any unused seed from packets. If you have questions about types of seeds to bring, contact Amanda Sears, 859-623-4072 or Amanda.sears@uky.edu.



If you plan to attend the Seed Swap, let us know by calling 859-623-4072 so we can know how many handouts to prepare!



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Backyard Fruit

**Tuesday, March 25th 6-7:30 pm or Thursday
March 27th 1-2:30 pm**

Interested in growing fruit in your backyard? Do your research before you get started! This class will focus on choosing the right varieties, planting location and avoiding the bad guys like plant diseases and insects.

Each person attending will receive 4 strawberry plants to take home. The class is offered twice, you need to only attend once.

Companion Planting

Monday, April 14th 10 to 11:30 am

Plants interact with one another, isn't that amazing! Some are beneficial to one another; others can cause harm. This class will focus on the basics of companion planting.

Several books on the topic will be given away as door prizes during the class. Everyone will receive seeds for common companion plants!

Gardening Naturally

Tuesday, April 29th 10 to 11:30 am or 6 to 7:30 pm

As a gardener, you play a huge role in the environment and ecosystem! Whether you are a brand-new gardener or your current garden needs to be rejuvenated, this class will give you ideas on how to focus on low input sustainable gardening.

There are several books the Horticulture Agent keeps on her desk as references, copies of those references will be given away during the class!

**All classes held at the Madison County Extension
Office at 230 Duncannon Lane in Richmond, KY
40475. If you would like to attend, please let us
know by calling 859-623-4072.**

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How to Make the Cut!

If you need to remove branches, be sure to do it correctly! Branches which have been pruned correctly will form a large callus to seal the wound. If removing branches, do not cut into the collar that has formed at the base of the branch. The collar is the raised ring of protective tissue circling the branch and acts as a barrier to further decay. Trimming above the branch collar will result in a wound that closes quickly and completely. Try not to leave a long broken stub as this will prevent the wound from healing quickly and will encourage fungus and insects. Do not prune flush to the main stem as this creates a large hole that will be slow to heal. Cut larger branches using a three-step method shown below.

THREE-STEP METHOD OF PRUNING

CUT A

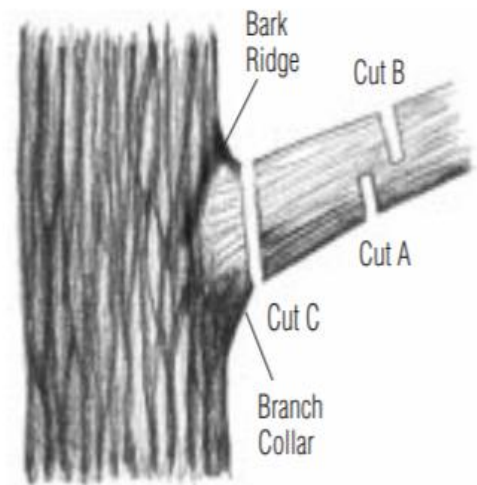
Make your first cut two feet from the trunk. Cut half way through the branch, moving from the bottom up.

CUT B

The second cut is one-third to half the diameter of the limb away from the first cut. Cut half way through the branch. At this point, the limb should fall from its own weight.

CUT C

The final cut is next to the trunk. Cut outside the branch collar with the lower edge being further away from the trunk of the tree.



Farmers' Market Updates!

Berea Farmers' Market

The market is opened on Saturdays from 10 am to 1 pm and is located during the winter at 207 North Broadway Street in Berea between Tourism and the Skating Rink.

<https://www.facebook.com/bereafarmersmarket>

Madison County Farmer's Market


Interested in joining the market? There will be a general meeting on February 10, from 6 to 8 pm at the Madison County Extension Office, 230 Duncannon Lane, Richmond.

<https://www.facebook.com/MadisonKYFarmersMarket>

Purchasing Cut Flowers

- Avoid flowers that are wilted, misshapen, brownish colored or blemished due to environmental stress, insects or disease.
- Flowers that occur in clusters should have at least one flower in full bloom .
- Roses should have buds that are slightly open and firm with petals free from damage.
- Although flowers that are fully in bloom are appealing, ones that are beginning to open or show color can be enjoyed for a longer time.





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Seed Library
Now open!**

STOP BY ANY TIME DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS (MON-FRI 8:00AM-4:30PM) TO PICK UP YOUR SEEDS!

PLEASE LIMIT 10 PACKS PER PERSON PER DAY. BE SURE TO PICK UP SOME TASTY RECIPES, GARDENING INFORMATION, AND MAYBE EVEN A 4-H ENROLLMENT WHILE YOU'RE HERE! WE HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON!

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