



Rutgers Master Gardeners of Union County

Vegetable Gardening Series

Trailside Nature and Science Center
452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, NJ 07092
Demonstration Garden and TMA Room
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Come join the Rutgers Master Gardeners for an evening of vegetable gardening know-how! Community, school and home gardeners will benefit from these programs. Each program features a tour of the “Sharing Garden” vegetable garden where Master Gardeners grow vegetables for local food pantries and a lecture on vegetable gardening topics.

Thursday, June 22, 2017 **“Starting and Maintaining a Vegetable Garden”**

Tuesday, July 25, 2017 **“Keeping Pests Out of the Garden”**
Insect & Disease Management

Wednesday, Aug. 9, 2017 **“Harvesting and Food Safety”**

Thursday, Sept. 7, 2017 **“Keys to Successful Composting”**

Registration Information: There is no fee for this program. You can sign up for as many topics as you would like.

Please register at www.tinyurl.com/Rutgers-Vegetable-Series. Questions? Contact Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County at 908-654-9854 option 4. For directions to Trailside Nature and Science Center visit:

<http://ucnj.org/parks-recreation/trailside-nature-science-center/> Please park in the main parking lot.



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The Rutgers Vegetable Gardening Series

This series was developed by a team of Rutgers Cooperative Extension faculty and Master Gardener Program Coordinators. Here's what you will learn from each program:

"Starting and Maintaining a Vegetable Garden"

- **Choosing and preparing a site for a vegetable garden**
- **Planting times**
- **Maintaining the Garden: watering & weeding**
- **Preparing a budget for your vegetable garden**

"Keeping Pests Out of the Garden" Insect and Disease Management

- **Identifying Integrated Pest Management strategies**
- **Attracting beneficial insects to a vegetable garden**
- **Identifying common insect and diseases found in vegetable gardens**
- **Using cultural methods of insect and disease management**

"Harvesting and Food Safety in the Vegetable Garden"

- **Choosing the best time of day to harvest vegetables**
- **Knowing when specific vegetables are ready to be harvested**
- **Choosing the best storage option for specific vegetables**
- **Implementing food safety strategies for community gardens**
- **Practicing personal hygiene that promotes food safety in the garden**

"Keys to Successful Composting"

- **Selecting materials suitable and not suitable for composting**
- **Choosing a good location for a compost pile**
- **Maintaining a compost pile**

THE TOURS: Each program will start with a tour of the Rutgers Master Gardeners "Sharing Garden" located in the Demonstration Garden at Trailside. Since 2002, Master Gardeners have grown over 28,000 pounds of produce for local food pantries. The tour for the evening will focus on the evening's program topic.

- **Garden Maintenance – June 22**
- **A "Pest Walk" in the garden – July 25**
- **Harvesting demonstration – August 9**
- **Explore the composting demonstration areas – September 7**

The programs will be held rain or shine.

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