Chatham County Center of the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service will sponsor the annual Chatham Landscape Conference on Thursday February 25, 2010. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. The Conference will be held in the auditorium of the Agriculture Building, 45 South Street, Pittsboro, NC. Please call 919.542.8202 to pre-register. There is no charge.

The morning program includes the following topics and speakers:

- **Doing It Right = Fewer Pests and Greater Profit** – Dr. Barbara Fair, Extension Landscape Specialist, Department of Horticultural Science, NC State University
- **Pest Management and Pest Management Products** – Ozzie Coor, Rainwater Farms and Coor Farm Supply, Smithfield, NC
- **Getting a Good Diagnosis** – Dr. Barbara Shew, Department of Plant Pathology, NC State University
- **Being Sustainable and Making it Profitable** – Kurt Bland, General Manager and Vice-President, Bland Landscaping Company
- **Stormwater Management** – Fred Royal, Director of Environmental Resources, Chatham County
- **Designing a Four-Season Landscape** – Ginny Gregory, Beyond the Pail

We expect two hours of Pesticide Recertification credit in categories D, L, N, and X and will send notice by email when that process is complete. Send an email to al_cooke@ncsu.edu to be added to that list.

The morning session will end about 12:00 noon. The afternoon session will begin at 1:00 and include:

- **Things I wish I’d Known 30 Years Ago** – Neil Flynt, Registered Landscape Contractor, Flynthill Farms, Pittsboro
- **Being Sustainable and Making it Profitable** – Kurt Bland, General Manager and Vice-President, Bland Landscaping Company
- **Stormwater Management** – Fred Royal, Director of Environmental Resources, Chatham County
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The afternoon session does not include pesticide recertification credit. Those attending the morning session who need recertification credit are encouraged to bring their bar-coded license card.

Please call 919.542.8202 to pre-register. There is no charge.
Registered Landscape Contractor Training

Are you or would you like to be a Registered Landscape Contractor? There are only 17 such registered contractors in Chatham County. By state law these are the only people who can use the title “landscape contractor” or advertise themselves as such.

Extension in Chatham County will offer training for those wishing to qualify as landscape contractors. Training sessions will be held on Thursday afternoons from May 27 through July 15. A registration fee of $40 will include the North Carolina Landscape Contractors’ Registration Board Manual, a current copy of the Certified Plant Professional plant list, and light refreshments. Pre-registration is required and will be confirmed when payment is received.

To become a Registered Landscape Contractor requires verification of at least 3 years of experience or combination of experience and education. Contractors must pass 3 exams to qualify. The landscape design exam consists of multiple choice questions on interpreting a landscape design, the kind of questions necessary to figure a job proposal.

An additional multiple choice exam includes 200 questions based on the study manual available from the NC Landscape Contractors’ Registration Board or by registering for this series of classes.

The Plant Identification exam requires applicants to pass the plant ID section of the Certified Plant Professional exam. This exam requires identification of 125 plants from a list of more than 300 commonly used landscape plants.

There have been attempts in the past to require contractor certification in order to perform certain landscape work. It is likely this legislation will be considered by the State Legislature again this year.

For more information on becoming a Registered Landscape Contractor, see the NC Landscape Contractors’ Registration Board website at http://www.nclcrb.org/

With lots of “landscapers” available, clients often look for some way to narrow the list. Some kind of credentials can determine whether you make the cut. Your contractor registration is evidence that you are experienced, knowledgeable, and professional. If you would like to participate in the training and prepare to be a Registered Landscape Contractor, please contact Chatham County Center of Cooperative Extension at 919.542.8202.

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Statutes and Rules:
Pesticide Licensing Class

Chatham County Center of the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service will conduct a pesticide school on February 10 and 11, 2010, at the Agriculture Building in Pittsboro, NC. Registration on Wednesday, February 10th, is from 8:30 to 9:00 am with program beginning at 9:00 am. Program on Thursday will begin at 9:00 am also. Sessions will conclude by 5:00 pm on both days.

Those wishing to earn commercial licenses to apply pesticides will attend both days; those wishing to earn private applicators certification (farmers, nursery or greenhouse operators) will only need to come on February 11th. Cost will be $25.00 for both days plus cost of the manuals; $10.00 for private applicators attending one day only.

We will not provide study manuals, but participants should order them and study before attending the school. To order manuals, print the order form available at http://ipm.ncsu.edu/pesticidesafety/orderform.PDF. Most people should order the first two manuals (Applying Pesticides Correctly and N.C. Pesticide Laws and Regulations) plus the manual for your category. The school dates above will include training and testing for licensing in Ornamentals and Turf and Private Applicators. Private applicators may order the Instruction Workbook at the bottom of the list.

If you have need of licensing in another category, please contact the Chatham County Center, 919.542.8202 to let us know your needs. We cannot offer specialized training in every category, but may be able to arrange for testing. With sufficient demand, we may be able to add training in another category if an instructor can be found.

It is important for persons interested in this school and exam to pre-register. Otherwise, there may not be an exam for you to take at the end of the training. For more information or to register contact the Chatham County Center, 919.542.8202.

Need Another Regulation?

In 2009 the NC State Legislature enacted new rules governing the Jordan Lake watershed. Specific to landscapers and grounds managers are regulations concerning fertilizer application.

“Beginning three years after effective date, the application of fertilizer to lands in the watershed is to be done either by applicators who have completed nutrient management training offered by the Cooperative Extension Service, or pursuant to a certified nutrient management plan developed for the lands to which fertilizer is applied. Also requires property owners to ensure that applicators to their lands have met one of these requirements.

“The rule does not apply to fertilization of residential lands done by the homeowner. Wastewater residuals and septage application have earlier compliance timeframes. Animal waste application in compliance with a permitted waste utilization is deemed compliant.”

Is that clear? OK, please don’t shoot the messenger. And don’t panic. What does it mean? You have 3 years to get into compliance. Essentially, if you apply fertilizer on jobs, then you need to either have an approved nutrient management plan for the property OR you can complete nutrient management training offered by Cooperative Extension.
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So if you can achieve compliance simply by completing a training offered by Cooperative Extension, I may have more to do than you do. Call it job security. And this training is not in place yet. However, I completed certification some years ago when these regulations were put in place on the Neuse watershed. Some of you did also.

In the next few months, Extension Agents and Specialists from NC State University will be reviewing nutrient management and begin developing training opportunities. It should be relatively painless. This is just a “heads up” notice that you’ll need to be aware of the requirements. Watch for later notice for opportunities to bring yourself into compliance.

North Carolina State University and North Carolina A&T State University commit themselves to positive action to secure equal opportunity regardless of race, color, religion, creed, national origin, sex, age, disability, or veteran’s status. In addition, the two Universities welcome all person without regard to sexual orientation. North Carolina State University, North Carolina A&T State University, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and local governments cooperating.

Persons with disabilities and persons with limited English proficiency may request accommodations to participate by contacting Carolyn Langley, Interim County Extension Director, at 919.542.8202 or carolyn_langley@ncsu.edu or 919.542.8246, or in person at the County Extension Office at least 5 days prior to the event.