

Sustainable and Organic Vegetable Gardening

Topic	PM Class, 6:30-8:00	AM Class, 10:00 – 11:30	Description
Class 1: Planning for Success	Tues, 3/8	Wed, 3/9	Successful vegetable gardening begins with planning – where will you locate your garden? Will you grow in beds, containers or some other system? How will you meet your crops water and nutrients needs? How will you attract pollinators and ensure their safety? This class will explore the basic needs of vegetable crops, the decisions you should make before planting, as well as soil preparation techniques to support healthy plant growth.
Class 2: Year Round Vegetable Gardening	Tues, 3/15	Wed, 3/16	During class 2 you will learn the basics of year round vegetable gardening, including planting times and methods, season extension practices, and tips for success with individual crops.
Class 3: Managing Pests, Weeds and Other Problems	Tues, 3/22	Wed, 3/23	Class 3 will explore sustainable, integrated methods to reduce pest pressure in your garden as well as ways to manage pests, diseases, weeds, and deer. Methods that will be covered include creating habitat for beneficial insects, maximizing your plants' ability to resist pests, and use of natural and organic pest control products.
Make Up Date	Thurs, 3/31	Thurs, 3/31	This date will only be used if a regularly scheduled class has to be canceled. Both the morning (10:00-11:30) and evening session (6:30-8:00) will be taught on this day if necessary.

All classes will be held in the auditorium of the Chatham County Agriculture Building, 65 East Chatham St., Pittsboro.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. Registration with payment is due by March 2, 2016.

Registration form and complete details are available online at <http://go.ncsu.edu/2016-veg-short-course>, or by contacting Chatham County Extension at 919-542-8202 or extension.programs@chathamnc.org.



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