

UConn Home & Garden Education Center

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Get a Head Start on Spring with UConn!

UConn Extension will offer two workshops on pests and diseases of vegetable crops this February. These workshops will cover common and important pests and diseases of four vegetable families: Cucurbitaceae (cucumber, squash, melon and pumpkin), Brassicaceae (cabbage family), Solanaceae (tomato, potato, pepper and eggplant), and Fabaceae (legumes/beans and peas). The emphasis will be on identification and an understanding of pest life cycles and disease cycles. Correct identification of a plant problem is essential for an organic and/or integrated pest management (IPM) approach to be successful. Cultural practices, the backbone of IPM and organic systems, rely on an understanding of the biology of the pest or pathogen. For selected pests and pathogens in each plant family, we'll look at IPM programs in detail. An interactive on-farm workshop with a field walk will be held during summer 2015 at Community Farm of Simsbury. These workshops are suitable for new farmers, Master Gardeners, gardeners and experienced farmers interested in a review. For more information and registration, go to: <http://www.extension.uconn.edu/root/feb-veg-wkshp.php> Questions? Contact Joan Allen at joan.allen@uconn.edu or 860-486-6740.

Vegetable Pest and Disease Workshop I: Cucurbits and Brassicas

Date: Saturday, February 7, 2015

Time: 8:30am to 1:00pm

Location: Litchfield County Extension Center, UConn Torrington campus.

Vegetable Pest and Disease Workshop II: Solanaceae and Legumes

Date: Saturday, February 14, 2015

Time: 8:30am to 1:00pm

Location: Tolland County Agricultural Center, Vernon, CT

Come join us at the CT Flower & Garden Show

FREE Soil Testing and Gardening Advice at the Connecticut Flower and Garden Show, February 19 – 22, 2015 at the Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford. The University of Connecticut Soil Testing Laboratory will offer free soil pH testing each day of the show. Bring in ½ cup of soil and we will test it and let you know how much, if any, limestone you need to add for optimal plant growth. Master Gardeners and staff horticulturists from the UCONN Home & Garden Education Center will be on hand to answer all of your gardening questions. Free gardening handouts will help you make the most of your lawn and gardens this year!

UConn 2015 Garden Conference! Save The Date!

March 19th, University of Connecticut 2015 Garden Conference, features Art Wolk, Mark Hirsch, James Gagliardi, Amy Sampson and Russ Cohen. Rome Ballroom, UConn Campus, Storrs, CT. Fee.

Registration required. For information: (860) 486- 6740 or (860) 486-6271 or

www.2015garden.uconn.edu