

Upcoming Classes 2024

January 18th Backyard Fruit: Pest Control 6:00pm-7:30pm

Learn your options for controlling insect and disease pests in your backyard fruit trees.

Location: Jonesborough Farm Bureau Basement Meeting room.

In-person Registration: <https://tiny.utk.edu/inpersonfruit>

Zoom Registration <https://tiny.utk.edu/homefruitpestcontrol>

January 30th Backyard Fruit: Tree Pruning 6:00pm-7:30pm

Learn how to prune your fruit trees to improve yields and enhance fruit quality.

Location: Jonesborough Farm Bureau Basement Meeting room.

In-person Registration: <https://tiny.utk.edu/inpersontreepruning>

Zoom Registration: <https://tiny.utk.edu/fruitpruning>.

February 6th Backyard Fruit: Pruning Berries & Grapes 6:00pm-7:30pm

Learn how to prune your berries and grapes to improve yields and enhance fruit quality.

Location: Jonesborough Farm Bureau Basement Meeting room.

In-person Registration: <https://tiny.utk.edu/inpersonberrypruning>

Zoom registration: <https://tiny.utk.edu/berrypruning>

February 20th Backyard Fruit: Growing Blueberries 6:00pm-7:30pm

Learn how to grow blueberries in your backyard.

Location: Jonesborough Farm Bureau Basement Meeting room.

In-person Registration: <https://tiny.utk.edu/inpersonblueberry>

Zoom Registration: <https://tiny.utk.edu/homeblueberry>

February 27th 3 Season Vegetable Gardening: Planning a 3 Season Veg Garden 6:00-7:30pm

Learn about the 3 vegetable gardening seasons in Northeast Tennessee and how you can take advantage of them. **Zoom Only!** <https://tiny.utk.edu/3seasonplanning>

March 12th 3 Season Vegetable Gardening: Vegetable Transplants 6:00pm-7:30pm

Learn how to grow your own vegetable transplants to have the varieties you want in your garden.

Location: Jonesborough Farm Bureau Basement Meeting room

In-person Registration <https://tiny.utk.edu/inpersontransplant>

Zoom registration: <https://tiny.utk.edu/3seasontransplants>

Be on the lookout for additional classes throughout the year!

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Check out our YouTube channel @ <https://tiny.utk.edu/washingtonvideos> for videos of previous gardening webinars.

The Trusty Trowel-January 2024

The Davy Crockett Beekeepers Association is hosting a Beginning Beekeeping School on February 3rd @ Tusculum University in Greenville, TN ! Follow link for details <https://sites.google.com/.../beginning-beekeeping-school>



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Timely Tips:

- The [2024 Tennessee Home Vegetable and Fruit Garden Calendar](#) is available online! This is a great resource for gardening with recommendations based on regional differences across the state.
- Are you overwhelmed when choosing what vegetable varieties to grow? Take a look at the [Tennessee Home Garden Variety Trials: 2022 Results](#). This publication recommends varieties trialed across Tennessee and helps you pick the best variety for your garden. Also, [check out last month's issue of the Trusty Trowel](#) for some specific disease resistant cultivars.
- If you haven't conducted a soil test in the past 3 or 4 years for your garden I'd encourage you to do so; particularly if you haven't been happy with your gardening results. A soil test can help rule out certain issues and help make sure that fertility is appropriate. You can conduct a soil test through our office (\$20) or through other options. For more info on how to take soil samples see [our publication Soil Testing](#).
- Did your peaches suffer from brown rot last year? Make certain to remove any dried hanging fruit on the tree as well as any fruit on the ground. You'll also want to prune out any dead limbs as we get closer to spring. This will reduce the amount of overwintering brown rot that will infect this year's crop.
- Fertilizing your lawn this spring? Plan ahead to apply one pound of actual Nitrogen per 1,000 square feet about March 15. A second application can be made April 15, but no later or you would encourage conditions that promote diseases.



For questions about your home and garden please feel free to contact me, Adam Watson, Agriculture Extension Agent watson@utk.edu.

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