

Rutherford County

FROM THE GROUND UP



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Extension Garden and Lawn Extravaganza

I read some U.S. gardening statistics recently that indicated 55% of households have a garden to create a beautiful space and 43% garden to produce food. I can't verify if these numbers are accurate but based on garden center traffic locally, I expect they are close or maybe a bit low for our specific area. As spring has progressed to more consistently warm temperatures and rainfall has remained sufficient for plants to grow readily, the volume of garden and lawn related calls to the Extension office from citizens has increased over the past few weeks.



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As interest in gardening appears to remain strong locally, the Rutherford Co. Extension office has an event scheduled June 1st that may appeal to lawn and garden enthusiasts. The Garden Extravaganza is scheduled for Saturday, June 1st from 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at Lane Agri-Park located at 315 John R. Rice Blvd in Murfreesboro. The purpose of this event is to showcase the ornamental and vegetable demonstration gardens and turfgrass demonstration area maintained on-site. Visitors will have the opportunity to tour the garden and demonstration areas and attend two educational sessions taught by Extension agents.

The gardens and demonstration areas will be open to tour and Q&A with Extension Agents and Master Gardeners from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Two educational sessions will be offered beginning at 11:15 a.m. The first session offered from 11:15 – 11:45 will be “Make Every Application Count – Calibrating Spreaders and Sprayers for Accurate Fertilizer and Pesticide Applications”. Up next, from 12:00 – 12:30, will be “If You’re Going to Plant It, Plant It Right – Proper Tree and Shrub Planting”.

This event is free and registration isn't required. Just show up that day and stop by the outdoor pavilion adjacent to the butterfly and vegetable garden demonstration area to check-in and pick up a schedule and map of the different garden and demonstration areas. Since this is an outdoor event, it will be canceled in case of inclement weather. Please call the Extension office at 615-898-7710 from 8:00 – 4:30 Monday – Friday if you have questions.

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