Join Us At The Fair

It's that time of year again! The Garrett County Agriculture Fair will be held from July 29 to August 5, 2023, at the Garrett County Fairgrounds in McHenry, MD! Enjoy 4-H showmanship, concessions, exhibits, rides, concerts, and so much more! This is where we shine. We'll see you there!
Gardening Q & A's

It's gardening season, and our weather has certainly been interesting so far this growing season. If you have garden related questions, here is your chance to get them answered. Each week there will be seasonally appropriate activities at the demonstration garden site- some examples will include suckering tomato plants and starting a compost bin. Look for updates on social media each week.
Are you interested in learning about the benefits of capturing rainwater and the important role that rain barrels can play in mitigating stormwater runoff? If so, please get on our list today! Some restrictions apply for this rare opportunity for 50 homes to receive a rain barrel. All barrels are sponsored by Deep Creek Watershed Foundation.
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Select Ground Covers for your Landscape Carefully

Plants that are used as ground cover can provide great services throughout the landscape as they can fill in areas that might otherwise be left bare or covered in mulch. Ground covers can be used to help reduce maintenance chores by preserving moisture and preventing weeds.

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Summer BBQ Safety

Summertime is approaching, the school season is ending, and it is time to prepare for the fun! Days out on the beach, swimming in a lake, whatever activity that’s fun in the sun, it is time to have a good time and relax. When going on any trip this summer, there is one necessity that you always have to consider: what are you going to have to eat? While we love the summer for the sunny days and warm weather, bacteria actually love these kinds of days as well. That is why more people get sick from spoiled food in the summer months. On top of this fact, people are cooking in settings away from a typical kitchen, which can mean a lot more room for something to go wrong with the meal. Click HERE for a few things to consider when handling food while outdoors.

Listening Sessions Offered for Farmer and Ranch Families

Are you a farmer or rancher? The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) and members of the Cooperative Extension System want your input on the financial needs and priorities of farm and ranch families. Better understanding the experiences of farm and ranch families will help both the CFPB and Cooperative Extension work on behalf of consumers in farming and ranching communities.

About the CFPB and Cooperative Extension

- The CFPB is a federal agency dedicated to making sure people are treated fairly by banks, lenders, and other financial institutions. Learn more at consumerfinance.gov.
- The Cooperative Extension System is operated through the nation’s land grant universities. It empowers farmers, ranchers, and communities of all sizes to meet the challenges they face, including by protecting their money and accessing financial products and services they need. Learn more at extension.org.

Two listening sessions are available. Choose the one that works best for you:

- Wednesday, August 9, 6:30-8:00 pm Eastern / 5:30-7:30 pm Central. This session is timed to work well for people in the Eastern and Central time zones, but participants from any time zone may join. This session will use a virtual whiteboard technology, so a computer and internet access are required.
- Thursday, August 10, 8:30-10:00 pm Eastern / 6:30-8:00 pm Mountain / 5:30-7:00 pm Pacific. This session is timed to work well for people in the Mountain and Pacific time zones, but participants from any time zone may join. This session will be on Zoom and participants will be able to join by phone. Internet access is not required.

Click here to register today! The deadline for registration is Thursday, July 13.
Mental Health First Aid Classes Available

Faculty and staff at Garrett College participated in a Mental Health First Aid class. Mental Health First Aid is a skills-based training course that teaches participants about mental health and substance-use issues. The workshop is available to organizations by contacting jketterm@umd.edu.

Changes to the Nutrient Management Program

On June 1, our office was made aware that MDA has made the decision to cut funding to the UMD Nutrient Management program. As of August 31, our Nutrient Management Advisor, Jill Hauser will no longer be writing nutrient management plans for clients on behalf of UMD.

MDA is developing a cost-share program that will provide partial funding to all eligible farmers in Maryland to help offset the cost of privatized plan writing. We will continue to assist producers to the best of our ability.

The MDA press release can be found here, along with a FAQ document.

Keeping Connected

We are here to serve you in person, by phone, email, or by video conferencing. If you have questions, contact one of our experts to provide solutions.
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