MASTER GARDENER / HORTICULTURE

The University of Maryland Extension’s Master Gardener/Horticulture Coordinator provides educational horticulture information to residents via internet, telephone contacts, office visits, fairs, festivals, plant clinics, mailed in samples, classes, workshops and demonstration sites.

The Extension Educator provides technical training and leadership plan, implement and evaluation to the Master Gardeners in Anne Arundel County to educate residents about safe, effective and sustainable horticultural practices that build healthy gardens, landscapes and communities. Major programs include Bay-Wise, Grow It Eat It; and many others. Training classes are held annually for persons interested in becoming Master Gardeners.

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ABOUT US

University of Maryland Extension (UME) is a statewide, non-formal education system within the college of Agriculture and Natural Resources and the University of Maryland Eastern Shore.

Extension Mission
University of Maryland Extension is a statewide educational organization funded by federal, state, and local governments. Our mission is to support Maryland’s agricultural industry; protect its valuable natural resources; enhance the well-being of families and individuals, both young and old; and foster the development of strong, stable communities.

Are you interested in being a volunteer? Call UME to learn where your education, expertise and interests can be best fit. Our programs encompass such a vast array of subjects, there’s surely an area in which your time and talents will be most beneficial. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, give our office a call at 410-222-3900.

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ONLINE RESOURCES

The Anne Arundel County UME website offers a wide variety of online information and resources, including newsletters, publications, and a calendar of events. Additionally, we offer a monthly newsletter, Solutions in Your Community, that provides educational information about UME program areas and upcoming events. For more information, visit our website at: extension.umd.edu/anne-arundel-county or call or email the office to be put on the newsletter list.

The University of Maryland, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources programs are open to all and will not discriminate against anyone because of race, age, sex, color, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability, religion, ancestry, or national origin, marital status, genetic information, or political affiliation, or gender identity and expression.
The Anne Arundel County Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension Educator works with farmers by providing technical and educational information. These services are designed to offer the latest in crop production and pest management practices while being sensitive to the environmental impacts on the county’s water and soil resources.

Special annual programs include the University of Maryland Upper Marlboro Research and Education Field Crops Twilight and the Southern Maryland Vegetable and Crop Production meetings. Certification classes for private pesticide applicators are conducted several times a year. An agricultural newsletter, published quarterly, and an online calendar of events is available to keep you up-to-date on agriculture happenings and events.

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**Nutrient Management Program**
The University of Maryland Extension’s Agricultural Nutrient Management program provides no-cost nutrient management plans, minus the cost of analyses, to Maryland farmers. Nutrient Management Advisors also provide assistance with pre-sidedress nitrate tests for corn and equipment calibration.

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**Food Supplement Nutrition Education (FSNE)/SNAP-ED**
Food Supplement Nutrition Education (FSNE) provides nutrition education to help low-income individuals and families make healthy food choices, develop food preparation skills, handle food safely, improve shopping skills, and increase physical activity. FSNE also provides nutrition education training to teachers, volunteers, and professionals who provide services to low-income families.

FSNE partners with organizations including the Health Department, public schools, food pantries, and child care centers.

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**Financial Literacy**
Financial literacy programs provide educational information on financial management and related family issues. The program’s goal is to empower individuals, families, and community businesses to improve their economic stability and wealth. The Finance Educator works with community agencies and schools to provide classes in the community to improve financial literacy.

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**4-H Youth Development**
The Maryland 4-H Youth Development program is part of the nation’s largest youth club and has over 75,000 members and 5,000 volunteers.

The Anne Arundel County 4-H Youth Development Extension Educator coordinates the county 4-H program and provides a supportive setting to help youth reach their full potential. Our 4-H clubs, designed for youth ages 8-18, are located throughout Anne Arundel County.

In 4-H, youth can learn life skills through various projects and activities including animal science, public speaking, leadership and citizenship, science, technology and camp.

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**Healthy Living**
Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) focuses on strengthening families, farms, communities and the economy through community-based education. FCS Healthy Living Educators provide health education programs designed to empower residents to make decisions that enhance well-being and quality of life. Topics include, but not limited to: chronic disease prevention and management, handling food safely, healthy living environments, and health insurance literacy.

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