

MAY 2024

THE UTHORT HUB

Official News Hub of the UTHort Team

LUNCH & LEARN SLATED FOR MAY

Join our UTHort Team for a brand-new learning opportunity during the month of May! We gather every Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. EST / 11:30 a.m. CST via webinar.

May 7th - Site preparation; corn and beans
May 14th - Small space settings; tomatoes and peppers
May 21st - Nutrition and fertilization; vine crops
May 28th - Cultural practices and garden management for disease prevention

Be sure to register now via this [link](#)!

Access the 2024 Home Fruit & Vegetable Garden Calendar here!



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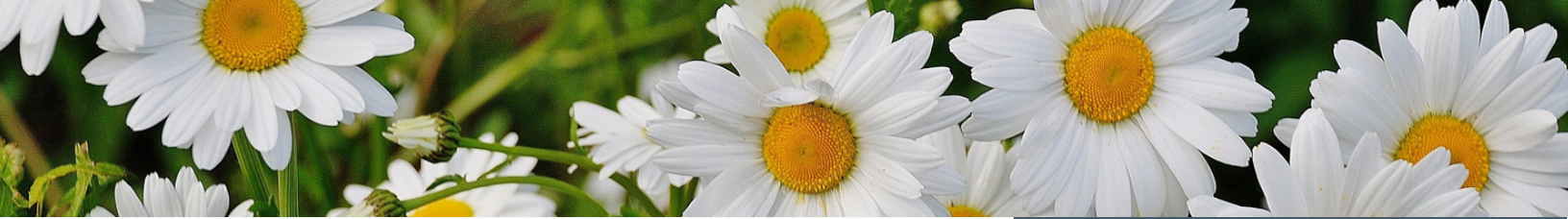
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UTHort Office Hours Returns FY24

UTHort Office Hours returns in June! We have a fun and graphical interface to allow you to submit questions to be discussed by our team in a LIVE Q&A format (which is also recorded for YouTube). The 2024 gardening season is upon us, so feel free to ask your questions via our UTHort Helpline!

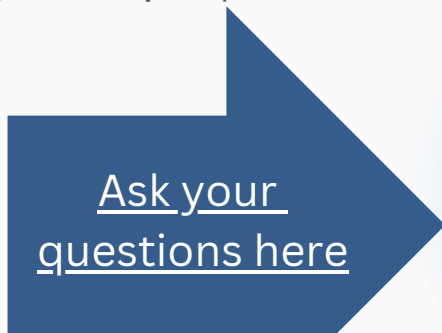
Need a reminder to join us live?
Register now to receive friendly updates!

All times are 10:00 a.m. EST / 9:00 a.m. CST
SAVE THE DATES!
UT OFFICE HOURS RETURNS SOON!



UTHORT HELPLINE

Do you have a question you want/need to ask the UTHort Team? Use the following form to submit your question(s) to be reviewed and answered by an Extension expert! Then simply join us via our Live Q&A to hear your question answered in real time! More details above!



Meet our New Turf Expert!



Dr. Becky Bowling is an Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist in Turfgrass Science and Management at the University of Tennessee. She recently joined the UT Turfgrass Team, taking over from Dr. Tom Samples, who retired in 2022. Dr. Bowling's expertise spans multiple turf management areas, and she plans to engage with turfgrass professionals and Extension personnel to support a range of community and commercial turfgrass needs. You can follow her on Twitter as @TNTurfWoman2. Additionally, the TN Turf Tuesdays podcast series, hosted by the University of Tennessee, provides valuable insights for individuals managing golf courses, sports fields, residential/commercial lawns, and sod farms. These episodes cover topics related to optimizing turfgrass quality through sustainable cultural and pest management practices.





UTHort Gets a New Look!

Our team is excited to share an all new and updated site to make it even more useful for YOU! You'll find easy access to all our best content and educational resources under specific-content area tabs in easy-to-access accordion drop-downs. Plus, there is a focus on upcoming events with easy access to registrations and information for our upcoming educational series. This site is now housed under the UT web umbrella, but our long-standing uthort.com redirects effortlessly. If you have issues with your browser being slow, be sure to clear the cache/ browser history. This prevents your browser from loading the old site.

[ACCESS HERE](#)

TEMG Intern Training is Complete!

Tennessee Extension Master Gardener training concluded on April 23, 2024! Over 600 brand new interns completed our statewide training to become horticulture educators. Curious about the Extension Master Gardener (TEMG) program? Connect with us to see all the great projects Master Gardeners are involved with across the state! Master Gardener volunteers hold their bi-annual conference in Nashville and Franklin this October!



By the Numbers

2856 Active Master Gardeners in Tennessee

40 County-based Programs

25 Hours of Service Returned to Communities
(after the first year)

8 Hours of Annual Continued Education




**June 11,
2024**

FRUITS OF THE BACKYARD FIELD DAY

Join the fun this year in Spring Hill on Tuesday, June 11, 2024!
1000 Main Entrance Drive, Spring Hill, TN 37174

- 8:00 Registration/Visit Educational Displays
- 9:00 Landscape Solutions: Reliable Plants for Screen & Blooms with Celeste Scott
- 10:00 TN Vegetable Garden Favorites from Our Trial with Dr. Natalie Bumgarner
- 10:30 Soil & Master Gardener Demonstrations
- 11:00 Elderberries with Dr. Dave Lockwood
- 11:15 Q&A Panel with UTIA Extension Personnel
- 12:00 Tour of Blackberry & Blueberry Plots



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