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# THE **CIENT HUB**

Official News Hub of the UTHort Team

#### Great things are coming in 2025!

The UTHort Team is collaborating on several programs, events, and publications for 2025. Some of the highlights of our plans for 2025 include:

- Updating our TN Smart Yards program
- Writing brief BMP (Best Management Practices) publications for landscapes
- Releasing new pubs on selecting grapes, peaches, cherries and plums in the home landscape
- Releasing new pubs on novel home fruits
- Creating new residential trees and turf resources. The 2025 Home Garden Calendar is hot off the presses, so you can pick up your copy from your local Extension Office or click below for an electronic copy. Be sure to peruse our vast selection of resources on our <u>UTHort website</u> during the cold weather this January!

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### YouTube

As the weather forces us indoors for the cold and snowy months, feel free to check out our YouTube channel to get you in the spirit of the 2025 gardening season!

Click below to access YouTube!



# Home Garden Variety Trials

Join the fun this year! Get involved with citizen science by participating in our fun and interactive Home Garden Variety Trials research program! Grow old favorites alongside new cultivars to determine what grows (and tastes) best according to you! Information is used to assist home gardeners in TN to select the best vegetables for their home gardens. Grow with us in 2025!

Interested in participating in the TN Home Garden Variety Trials in 2025? Check out this handy link for all the details!

2025 Home Garden Variety Trials

# Coming in 2025...

# **Small Space Food Series**

Join the UTHort team for FREE weekly lunch-and-learn webinars on Tuesdays in May. We have a fantastic team of speakers slated for the event with topics ranging from growing in raised beds and containers, as well as which specific fruits, veggies, and herbs grow best in containers!

## Register Here!

| May 6  |                 |
|--------|-----------------|
| May 13 | 12:30-1:30 EST  |
| May 20 | 11:30-12:30 CST |
| May 27 |                 |

# Office Hours in Horticulture

Join the UTHort team for FREE live and interactive sessions answering all your lawn, landscape, and garden questions throughout the active garden season... Sign up<u>HERE</u>

> June 13 July 11 September 12 October 10

Stay tuned for details later in the new year!

# Happy New Year!

As we prepare for the 2025 year, it provides an excellent opportunity to reflect on the many successes of 2024. We have enjoyed interacting with you through the various facets of our educational programs, as well as getting to know so many of you on a personal level and thus, growing our overall statewide Extension horticulture program.

As we kick off 2025, we look forward to connecting with you in the new year through outstanding educational opportunities and exceptional face-to-face interactions throughout the year. We wish all of you a very happy and safe beginning of 2025!

> HAPPY NEW YEAR

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# Master Gardener Training 2025

Tennessee Extension Master Gardener training begins January 28, 2025! Be sure to check with your local county office to determine full schedule, application procedures, payment options, and individual county requirements. For more information on the TEMG program statewide, check out our website:

#### TN Extension Master Gardener Website



# Landscape Professional Program

University of Tennessee Extension has launched an online certificate program for landscape professionals. The Certified Landscape Professional course is taught by Extension agents and specialists and is designed for anyone who manages ornamental landscapes or who wants to start a career in the industry. Course topics include site assessment, landscape planning, plant selection, pruning, installation and more.

The fee for this course is \$250. Veterans and active-duty service members may receive a 15% discount. Participants may enroll in the course at any time. For more information and to register, click the link below or contact your local county Extension agent.

#### Register HERE!

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