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THE UTHORT HUB

Official News Hub of the UTHort Team

An Exciting Year Awaits!

As the days start getting longer, we anxiously await the arrival of spring across the state of Tennessee. Winter will soon be a distant memory. As we all peruse seed catalogues, google UTHort for pubs to get us off on the right foot this season, and start our late winter/early spring gardening chores, we hope you join us in 2026, as we have so many exciting opportunities in store for you! We can't wait to interact with you via zoom and/or in-person as the growing season nears.

Be sure to peruse our vast selection of resources on our [UTHort website](#) to get you off and growing this late winter/early spring season.

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Tennessee Home Fruit and Vegetable Garden

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May Sustainable Food Production Lunch and Learn Webinar Series

Join us for live distant teaching on Tuesdays in May for our May food production series. This fun series will provide all you need to know about sustainable practices for selecting and managing fruit and vegetable crops in your home food production spaces.

Dates are May 5th, May 12th, and 19th

[Register here](#)



Smart Gardens Curriculum

Do you have a desire for your outdoor space to be healthier and more ecologically-sound? Our *TN Smart Yard* program provides nine principles of stewardship, which serve as the foundation for the program and are explored in online modules and practical workshops taught by UT-TSU Extension and water resource professionals.



TENNESSEE SMART YARDS



Home Garden Variety Trials

Curious how to get involved with citizen science? This is your opportunity. *Home Garden Variety Trials* are a fantastic way to learn and grow the process of research in your very own home garden.

[2026 Home Garden Catalog](#)

[2025 Trial Results](#)

Office Hours in Horticulture

Join the UTHort team for all 4 interactive session in 2026. Our Extension horticulture team panelists will be answering all your lawn, garden, and landscape questions...

[Sign up for Office Hours Here!](#)

**June 12th
July 10th
August 14th
September 11th**

Everyone MUST sign up on this NEW list to receive the zoom link, and email reminders!

[Ask your question here!](#)



Follow Us!

Did you know our team posts weekly about issues facing home gardeners in the realm of vegetable gardening, fruit production, and lawn and landscape maintenance? We also share information about upcoming events all across the state you may find interesting and beneficial to support your efforts at home!

Here are the links to follow:

- [Facebook](#)
- [Instagram](#)



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Master Gardener Spotlight

2026 Tennessee Extension Master Gardener training began January 27th! Be sure to check with your local county office for information on the 2026 schedule! Tennessee Extension Master Gardeners are actively engaged in gardening demonstrations, educational presentations, and citizen science research all across the state! Volunteers are involved with various audiences, including youth, to strengthen horticulture, foster networking, and engage clientele in local communities.

[TN Extension Master Gardener Website](#) 

UTHort Pros

For those in the professional horticulture services industry (groundskeepers, landscapers, etc.), you'll find a wealth of resources, events, and training opportunities via our UThort Pros page. Check out a few offerings:

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- Landscape Planning
- Plant Selection
- Installation
- Fertilization
- Pruning
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