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PESTICIDE CONTAINERS: Safe, Simple, Responsible Recycling

Proper disposal of pesticide containers is crucial for ensuring safety, protecting the environment, and complying with legal regulations.

1. Use All the Product

- **Apply the pesticide according to the label directions.**
- Never pour leftover product down the drain, into ditches, or onto the ground.

2. Triple-Rinse

- A. Fill the empty container about $\frac{1}{4}$ full with clean water.
- B. Secure the cap and shake/agitate for 30 seconds.
- C. Pour the rinse water into the spray tank.
- D. Repeat two more times.

OR

3. Pressure-Rinse

- A. Insert the nozzle and rinse for about 30 seconds, draining the rinsate into the spray tank.
- B. Always pour rinse water into the spray tank so that no pesticide goes to waste.
- C. Puncture and Prepare for Recycling/Disposal
- D. After rinsing, puncture or crush plastic containers so they cannot be reused.
- E. Allow them to drain and dry completely.

Metal drums or large containers often have special recycling/disposal instructions—check the label or dealer

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (KDA) – Pesticide Collection Program

This program provides free, legal disposal of unwanted pesticides.

Farmers and residents can call 1-800-205-6543 to arrange for trained personnel to collect pesticides directly from your location

TOYOTA IN OCTOBER

Toyota TMMK Super Recycling Day

October 18 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Open to the public

Same location as last year, the gravel lot by Gate 1



IN THE GARDEN THIS MONTH

Tip of the Month:

September is prime time to establish lawns and perennials—cooler nights, warm soils, and fall rains make it the “sweet spot” for planting in Central Kentucky.

Vegetables

- **Harvest:** Tomatoes, peppers, beans, cucumbers, squash, melons, and sweet corn are still producing—pick regularly to encourage continued harvest.
- **Fall crops:** Direct seed lettuce, spinach, kale, mustard greens, radishes, and turnips early in the month.
- **Transplants:** Set out broccoli, cabbage, and cauliflower starts now for fall harvest.
- **Weed & pest watch:** Keep an eye out for armyworms, aphids, and stink bugs on late-season crops.

Flowers & Ornamentals

- **Deadhead** annuals and perennials to extend blooms.
- **Divide and replant** spring-blooming perennials such as daylilies, irises, and peonies.
- **Container plants:** Fertilize lightly for extended fall color; replace tired summer annuals with pansies, mums, and ornamental kale for cool-season interest.

Trees & Shrubs

- **Planting time:** September begins the best season (Sept–Nov) to plant trees and shrubs in Kentucky. Roots establish well in cooler, moist soils.
- **Pruning:** Avoid heavy pruning now—wait until late winter. Only remove dead, broken, or diseased branches.
- **Fall color:** Consider adding native species like red maple, serviceberry, or oak for long-term landscape value.

Lawn Care

- **Fertilize** cool-season grasses (fescue, bluegrass) in early September and again in late fall for strong root growth.
- **Reseed** bare spots or overseed thin fescue lawns now—soil temperatures are ideal for germination.
- **Mow** regularly and leave grass clippings to recycle nutrients.

General Tips

- **Soil testing:** Fall is an excellent time to take soil samples for your lawn, garden, or landscape.
- **Mulch & water:** Continue watering deeply if rainfall is lacking; mulch garden beds to conserve soil moisture.
- **Clean up:** Remove diseased or insect-infested plants to reduce overwintering pests.
- **Composting:** Begin collecting leaves and garden debris for compost piles.





GREENHOUSE



Berries



◆ — Field Day on soilless production basics — ◆

📅 Friday, September 19, 2025

🕒 5:00–6:30PM

📍 270 N Cleveland Rd, Lexington

- Meet Greenhouse Extension team
- Tour a raspberry and blackberry operation
- Snacks provided

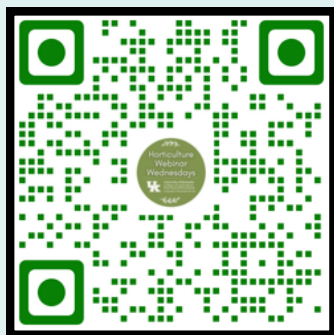
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REGISTER FOR EACH MONTH'S CLASSES BY CLICKING THE LINKS BELOW OR USING THE QR CODES



SEPTEMBER

<https://tinyurl.com/SEPHWW25>



OCTOBER

<https://tinyurl.com/OCTHWW25>



9/17/2025

**LAWNS: Spring is better
than Summer
but Fall is Best of All!**



9/24/2025

Backyard Grapes



10/1/2025

Perennial Cut Flowers



10/8/2025

**Cover Crops in
the Home Garden**



10/15/2025

**Protecting Fruit Trees
from Varmits**



10/22/2025

**Self-Watering Wicking
Beds**



10/29/2025

Hardy Palms



WEDNESDAYS, 12:30, ON ZOOM

Georgetown Is Celebrating Tree Week



Watch for *Activities to come such as:

Mayor's Proclamation Ceremony:
Celebrating Tree Week 2025

Free Tree Giveaway Registration
will begin
Friday, October 10 at the Mayor's
office Water Street

Rooted in Gratitude: Tree Planting
2025 for First Responders
Friday, October 17 at Georgetown
College, 4:00 p.m.

Branches & Brunch
Saturday, October 18, 10 am to 12
noon
more info to come

**Discover the History and
Heritage of Our Trees - Ward Hall
Tree Walk** by Scott County Master
Gardener Tina Elliot
Sunday, October 19, 4:00pm at
Ward Hall

**All events and activities are
planned as listed, but dates and
times may be updated and other
events added.*

How to Plant Trees that Thrive: *Tips for Planting and Caring for Trees for Long-Term Growth and Beauty* -
Saturday, October 11, 9 am at the Scott County Cooperative Extension Office Learn the essential steps to
successfully plant and care for trees so they establish strong roots and provide lasting beauty for years to come.
This class covers how to select the right tree for your site, proper planting techniques, watering and mulching
practices, and long-term care to ensure healthy growth. Participants will gain practical, research-based
knowledge to avoid common mistakes and help trees flourish in Kentucky landscapes.

ALSO Ongoing all October:

Mindfulness Walk Among the Trees: Take a peaceful, self-guided Mindfulness Walk at Yuko-En on the Elkhorn.
Stroll about the Japanese Friendship Garden, with signs that inspire reflection and connection to nature, during
the dates of October, 10th through the 19th, plus tree ID markers highlighting native and ornamental species.
Yuko-En and the Mindfulness Walk is open daily from dawn to dusk and is free to the public, offering a beautiful
5.5-acre Japanese-style stroll garden along the Elkhorn Creek.

Scott County Public Library: *Children's programs, Storybook Walk, tree-themed books. Check with the Public
Library for dates and times.* <https://scottcounty.librarycalendar.com/events/month/2025/10>



Scott County Extension
Master Gardener Volunteers

PLANT AND SEED SWAP

Bring your divided perennials, houseplants, or extra seeds and trade them for fresh finds! Share your favorites and go home with hand-picked plants that add new beauty and life to your garden and home.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2025

FROM 9 AM TO 12 NOON

**SCOTT COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION,
1130 CINCINNATI ROAD, GEORGETOWN, KY**

For more information, click on the link below or access through
QR code

<https://tinyurl.com/25plantswap.com>



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A SINGLE BLOSSOM CAN'T CHANGE THE WORLD,



BUT TOGETHER, MANY BLOSSOMS TRANSFORM A WHOLE LANDSCAPE

