



The Kalamazoo County MSU Extension office and local Master Gardeners are offering a basic course in vegetable gardening.

This program is designed for those who would like to learn how to grow a vegetable garden or those who have been gardening for a few years and would like to learn more.

Upon completion of the class, students will have the option of working with Master Gardeners planting and growing a community vegetable garden and/or have a garden space of their own.

WHEN: March 21 through April 25, 2012.
Classes will meet Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, with an optional Q&A from 8:30 to 9:00 pm.

WHERE: Georgian Room, 3299 Gull Rd., Nazareth County office building, Kalamazoo

COST: There will be a charge of \$50 for the course to cover student notebooks and materials. Refreshments will be available. Partial scholarships may be available.

To enroll, complete the registration form on the back and mail with your check to the Kalamazoo County MSU Extension Office (make checks payable to: MSU Extension).

Registration deadline is March 14.

For additional information, call
(269) 383-8815

For information about the Master Gardener program in Kalamazoo County, visit <http://www.msue.msu.edu/kalamazoo> - click on "Master Gardener Volunteer Program" in the left column



COURSE OUTLINE

Session 1: "What is Required" and "Soil"

This session will cover basic requirements for growing vegetables. Topics will include how much space is required, tools needed and water and sun requirements. Types and characteristics of soil will be covered as well as soil testing and preparation.

Session 2: What to Plant

During Session 2, we will discuss what to plant. This will include a discussion of growing vs buying various vegetables, which ones are best and easiest to grow.

Session 3: "Seeds or Sets" and "Planning"

This session will cover growing plants from seed, which plants are suitable for starting from seed and which ones are better to purchase. It will show how to build your own seed starting system, and how to handle and transplant the plants you grow. The session will also cover planning your garden, what goes where.

Session 4: Raised and Container Gardens

Session 4 will cover the use and construction of raised and container gardens.

Session 5: Growing Vegetables

This session will cover fertilizing, watering, pruning/thinning, and supporting plants. It will also cover weed, pest and disease control, irrigation techniques and mulching.

Session 6: Gardening Activities

The final session will cover composting, organic gardening, Heirloom vegetables, harvesting and storing vegetables, preparing the garden for winter, and Tip & Tricks.

**Registration Form
Vegetable Gardening class
March 21- April 25, 2012**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Zip Code: _____

Email: _____

Phone (best # to reach you): _____

Do you need special accommodations?

I'm interested in a partial scholarship _____

Return completed form and registration fee of \$50 (*cash or checks payable to MSU Extension*) to:

Vegetable Gardening Class
Kalamazoo County MSU Extension
P.O. Box 42
Nazareth, MI 49074-0042

Registration deadline is
March 14, 2012



Directions to class

Coming from the West: Take exit 80 off I-94 (Sprinkle Rd, Cork St). Turn left (going North) at the exit traffic light. Go straight on Sprinkle Rd. Take a left onto Gull Rd. Go to the 2nd traffic light and take a right at the Borgess at Nazareth sign. Our building is the 4-story brick building on the right. Park in front of the building. The Georgian Room will be on your right as you enter the building.

Coming from the East: Take exit 80 off I-94 (Sprinkle Rd, Cork St). Turn right (going North) at the exit traffic light. Go straight on Sprinkle Rd. At the Gull Rd/Sprinkle Rd intersection turn left onto Gull Rd. Go to the 2nd traffic light and take a right by the Borgess at Nazareth sign. Our building is the 4-story brick building on the right. Park in visitor parking in front of the building. The Georgian Room will be on your right as you enter the building.

In Town: Turn into the Nazareth Complex from Gull Rd. at the stop light where the Borgess at Nazareth sign is located. Our building is the 4-story brick building on the right. Park in visitor parking in front of the building. The Georgian Room will be on your right as you enter the building.



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