

## WV State University Extension Service holding Homeowner Vegetable Gardening Series

Helping you understand vegetable gardening at your home

- WHO:** West Virginia State University Extension Service
- WHAT:** Homeowner Vegetable Gardening Series
- WHEN:** throughout May and June 2009
- WHERE:** WV State University campus, specific location details given at registration

The second workshop in the complete Homegrown Vegetable Series by WVSU Extension Service is coming. While the first workshop of the series focused on specific skills for vegetable gardening such as soil types, topography of land, and garden planning; the next workshop on **May 14 from 9am - Noon**, will have you getting down and dirty in the garden. It will give you insight into proper ways to care for your garden and pruning your plants. Giveaway items will be provided for participants of the workshop.

“Homeowner demand is increasing for homegrown produce,” says Scott Byars, Program Leader for Agriculture and Natural Resources. “The Homegrown Vegetable Series is our version of a stimulus package for backyard gardens.”

There are two ways to enjoy the Homegrown Vegetable Series of workshops. Participants can register for individual workshops at \$20 each, or advanced registration to the complete Homeowner Vegetable Gardening Series for only \$50. The deadline for advanced registration for the complete series is May 27. The Homegrown Vegetable Gardening Series topics include soil types, raised garden beds, irrigation, weeding, and garden pests and diseases.

Byars went on to say, “With there now being a garden on the White House lawn and increased support from our new First Lady, it is becoming visible in every household that self sufficiency is the new direction.”

Each workshop in the series is on Thursday mornings and takes place from 9 a.m. until Noon. Pre-registration is required for participants only taking specific workshops in the series. Attendees should dress appropriately and wear comfortable shoes for the outdoor workshops. Door prizes and giveaways will be distributed throughout the workshops. Please contact Jeannie Sutphin at (304) 766-5711 or [sutphinj@wvstateu.edu](mailto:sutphinj@wvstateu.edu) to register. In case of inclement weather conditions, a rain date will be determined. Each participant will then be notified of the make-up date.

### Homeowner Vegetable Gardening Series:

May 14: Getting Dirty

June 4: Water and Weeds

May 28: Raised Bed and Container Gardening

June 25: Pest and Disease

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