

Cornell Cooperative Extension 2008-2009 Horticulture Programs for Professionals



Cornell Cooperative Extension Hudson Valley provides educational programs that can help you improve your skills in horticulture, pest management and business management. Updated brochures with specific information about each program will be mailed to you beforehand only if you are on your county's Cooperative Extension mailing list. If you wish to get on your county mailing list, have questions or need further information about these programs, contact your local Cooperative Extension office listed on the back.

*Pesticide Recertification Credits will be awarded at programs marked * pending NYS DEC approval. In addition, ISA, SAF, and NYS licensed landscape architect continuing education credits (CEU's) may be available for certain programs. Please contact the facilitating educator for more information on specific programs. All dates subject to change.*

Perennials Conference

Wednesday, December 3, 2008
Villa Borghese, Wappingers Falls, NY
Contact: Marianna Quartararo 845-292-6180 X112 or
Donna Cooke 845-429-7085 X108

Knowledgeable speakers will present a wide range of topics on herbaceous perennials. A great program (and luncheon) for designers, growers and other perennial enthusiasts. Landscape architect credits applied for.

***Nursery/Greenhouse Grower's School**

Wednesday, January 14, 2009
Ulster BOCES Conference Center, New Paltz, NY
Contact: Teresa Rusinek 845-340-3990 or
Rosemarie Baglia 845-344-1234

Nursery/Greenhouse Grower's School has been expanded to include a wider variety of ornamental crops including perennials, shrubs and bedding plants. Get the latest information on pest control, cultural controls, and other hot topics from industry experts. Spend the day networking with professionals and other growers.

***Urban and Community Forestry Conference**

Wednesday, January 28, 2009, 8:15 am - 3 pm
Westchester County Ctr., White Plains, NY
Contact: Stephanie Mallozzi 845-677-8223 X104,
sdm10@cornell.edu or
Rick Harper 914-285-2622, rwh26@cornell.edu

This program is designed to provide tree care professionals, municipalities and community groups with cutting edge research on tree planting, care and maintenance in the community and urban landscape. This year's featured speaker will be Dr. E. Thomas Smiley, Arboriculture Researcher from the Bartlett Tree Research Laboratory and Adjunct Professor at Clemson University.

***Sports Turf Program**

Spring/Summer 2009, date and location TBA
Contact: Rosemarie Baglia 845-344-1234

***Arborist Certification Training**

Wednesday, February 11 & 18, 2009, 12:30 - 5 pm
Wednesday, March 4 & 11, 2009, 12:30 - 5 pm
Certification Exam: Friday, March 27, 2009, 8:30 am
(doors open at 8:00 am)

Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County
2715 Route 44, Millbrook, NY 12545

Contact: Rick Harper 914-285-2622, rwh26@cornell.edu
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A training program designed to assist green industry professionals in obtaining the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Certified Arborist designation. Topics will include tree biology, pruning, pest management, and safe work practices. Sessions will also offer ISA Continuing Education Units (CEU's) and NYS DEC Pesticide Recertification credits for certified arborists & licensed pesticide applicators.

***Landscaping in a Changing Climate**

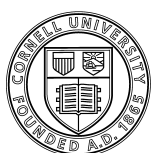
March/April 2009, date and location TBA
Contact: Rosemarie Baglia 845-344-1234,
Marianna Quartararo 845-292-6180 X112,
or Jennifer Stengle 845-278-6738

Our changing climate poses some challenges for landscapers. This program will address the predicted climatic changes and issues surrounding landscaping for extremes in temperature and moisture such as stormwater management, drought tolerant and moisture tolerant plants, building healthy soils, and energy efficient landscaping techniques. Landscape architect credits applied for.

***Christmas Tree Twilight Meeting**

July 2009, date and location TBA
Contact: Stephanie Mallozzi 845-677-8223 X104,
Teresa Rusinek 845-340-3990,
or Rosemarie Baglia 845-344-1234

This is a hands-on, in the field program focusing on professional Christmas tree production issues.



Cornell University
Cooperative Extension
Orange, Dutchess, Ulster, Westchester, Putnam, Rockland & Sullivan Counties

Cornell University Cooperative Extension provides equal program and employment opportunities.

Other Professional Horticulture Programs of Interest

Maintaining Sports Fields for Safety and Performance

November 12-13, 2008
at the OnCenter in Syracuse, NY
Contact: 607-592-8482 or
www.stmony.org

Sponsored by Sports Turf Managers of New York (STMONY). This 2-day Conference and Trade Show covers topics and issues of interest to sports turf managers, groundskeepers, SBGs, parks and rec staff and all others associated with turf management. Eligible attendees can earn NYSDEC pesticide recertification credits and STMA continuing education units.

*2009 Empire State Green Industry Show

January 7-9, 2009
Rochester Riverside Convention Center
Rochester, NY
Contact: NYSTA at 800-873-8873 or visit
www.nysta.org

*41st Annual Professional Turf and Landscape Conference

Wednesday, January 14, 2009
Westchester County Center
White Plains, NY
Contact: NYSTLA at 914-993-9455 or visit
www.nystla.com

Sponsored by the New York State Turf & Landscape Association. One of the largest programs for the green industry in New York. 100-booth trade show and 16 classes from which to choose.

*NYSTA SE Regional Turf Conference

Wednesday, February 24 & 25, 2009
Suffern, NY
Contact: NYSTA at 800-873-8873
visit www.nysta.org, or email jill@nysta.org

Sponsored by the New York State Turfgrass Association. There will be a trade show and a number of program tracks running concurrently, including Building Your Skills, Golf Turf, and Lawn/Landscape.

NYS Releaf Conference

July 16-18, 2009
Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, NY
Contact: Mary Kramarchyk
at 518-402-9412

Certified Landscape Technician Training

Contact: NYSTLA at 914-993-9455
or visit www.nystla.com

An optional national testing program to recognize proficiency of qualified landscape professionals.

Certified Nursery Professional Training Program

Contact: In Dutchess, Putnam &
Westchester:
Scott Olivieri 914-682-4224;
In Orange, Rockland & Ulster:
Contact: Mark Maseo 845-658-9148

By passing this exam you can earn the title Certified Nursery Professional (CNP). Contact your New York State Nursery and Landscape Association representative, listed above, for more details.

Pesticide Certification

If you apply pesticides, including weed-killers, weed and feed products, insecticides, fungicides, or tick control products to customer's properties for hire, you or someone in your company must be a New York State Certified Pesticide Applicator through the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) and have their business registered. There are now three levels of commercial certification: applicator, technician, and apprentice.

For Commercial Applicators:

To be eligible to take the exams to become certified, you must meet one of the following requirements:

- ◆ 3 out of the past 5 years of verifiable experience as an apprentice working in the category applicant is seeking certification in; or
- ◆ 3 out of the past 5 years as a certified private applicator in a corresponding private category; or
- ◆ Certification in another State with which New York has reciprocity; or
- ◆ if seeking certification in the Sales Category - At least 3 years experience in the sale of pesticides, or can demonstrate, through applicable training certifications or education degrees, that one possesses appropriate technical background.

Certified Pesticide Technician:

- ◆ be at least 17 years of age.
- ◆ 2 years of verifiable experience as an apprentice; or
- ◆ Completion of a 30-hr. training course, approved by the Department or a baccalaureate or associate degree from an accredited college or university in the area seeking certification. These are offered at the following::

Westchester Community College:	914-606-6830
Dutchess Community College:	845-431-8904
ATC:	845-657-7027

Technicians, once certified, desiring full applicator status the following

documentation is required: a letter indicating 2 yrs. of experience or 1 yr. of experience plus 12 recertification credits. Experience and recertification credits must be category or sub-category specific.

Pesticide Apprentice:

- ◆ Must be at least 16 years of age.
- ◆ Must receive 40 hours of pesticide use experience under supervision of a certified applicator and a minimum of 8 hours of instruction on topics outlined in Section 325.18 of Part 325 Rules & Regulations relating to the application of pesticides, before being able to apply general use pesticides under the off-site direct supervision of a certified applicator.
- ◆ Documentation of the above must be maintained by the certified applicator, and include: name and address of apprentice; date(s) of instruction or observation; content of training and certification category; instructor's name and certification identification number; and an evaluation of the competency of the apprentice.

For Private Applicators:

- ◆ Must be at least 17 years old.
- ◆ Have at least one year of experience within the last five years in the use of pesticides in the category in which certification is requested - OR
- ◆ Has completed a 30-hr. training course, or has received an associate's or higher level college degree in the area of which certification is requested.

For further information on eligibility rules and regulations, and fees, contact the NYSDEC Region 3 Pesticide Staff at (845) 256-3097.

Eligible candidates for certification must attend a training session, and take and pass two examinations, administered by the NYSDEC and held in conjunction with Cornell Cooperative Extension. Once you determine you are eligible for certification, contact your county's Cornell Cooperative Extension office for information on registering for the training class and exams. Contact your local CCE educator to find out training and exam dates for your county in the Hudson Valley.

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Dutchess:	Stephanie Mallozzi,	sdm10@cornell.edu,	845-677-8223 x 104
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Rockland:	Donna Cooke Paul Trader	dmc72@cornell.edu pwt2@cornell.edu	845-429-7085 x 108 845-429-7085
Ulster:	Teresa Rusinek	tr28@cornell.edu	845-340-3990
Westchester:	Rick Harper	rwh26@cornell.edu	914-946-3005
Sullivan:	Marianna Quartararo	mdq2@cornell.edu	845-292-6180 x 112