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November 2022 Horticulture Newsletter

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COMMERCIAL PESTICIDE APPLICATOR TRAINING



November 29
Pulaski Co Extension Office
9am to Noon



1 general, 2 specific CEUs
Categories 3 and 10

9am -- Weed Control in Home Lawns,
Kenneth Clayton

10am -- Uninvited Insects, Dr Ric Bessin

11am -- Fertilization of Cool Season Turf,
Jason Vaughn



Register for this free
training by scanning this
QR code



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A festive flyer for a holiday event. The background is a light green color. In the top left corner, there is a decorative wreath of holly leaves and red berries. The word "Holiday" is written in a large, elegant, red cursive font. Below it, the word "DECORATIONS" is written in a bold, red, sans-serif font. Underneath that, the phrase "THE CHEAP AND EASY WAY" is written in a smaller, red, sans-serif font. In the center, the event details are listed: "DECEMBER 8 • 6pm", "PULASKI CO", and "EXTENSION OFFICE". To the right, a large, white, round Christmas ornament is shown, containing the text: "LEARN ABOUT NATIVES - BOTH WEEDS & GARDEN PLANTS - THAT CAN MAKE UNIQUE, ATTRACTIVE DISPLAYS". Below the ornament, there are several red and gold Christmas ornaments and pinecones. In the bottom left corner, there is a QR code with the text "Scan the QR code to register" and an arrow pointing to it. At the bottom left, the University of Kentucky logo is displayed, along with the text: "University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment Cooperative Extension Service".

Holiday

DECORATIONS

THE CHEAP AND EASY WAY

DECEMBER 8 • 6pm

PULASKI CO

EXTENSION OFFICE

Scan the QR code to register →

LEARN ABOUT NATIVES - BOTH WEEDS & GARDEN PLANTS - THAT CAN MAKE UNIQUE, ATTRACTIVE DISPLAYS

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In this month's newsletter (scroll down to see all the info)

- Prime Time for Pruning Woody Plants
- How To Prune Trees
- Recycle Pumpkins into Bird Feeders
- Bulb Planting Time!
- Uninvited! Fire Ants
- Project FeederWatch begins!
- Dig and Store Tender Bulbs
- Thanksgiving or Christmas Cactus?
- Ancient Ginkgo Trees Are Great Landscape Trees
- Master Gardeners at UK Arboretum and Bernheim
- Horticulture Webinar Wednesday YouTube Channel
- Sheet Pan Dinner recipe
- Pine Straw Available for Purchase, NEW PRICES
- Pulaski County Horticulture YouTube Channel

Please register for programs if indicated. Sometimes programs are cancelled and we can let you know!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

November 10, 17, 24 -- [From the Woods Today webinar](#), 11am

November 29 -- [Commercial Pesticide Applicator training](#), Pulaski Co Extension Service office, 9am-12pm. Anyone interested in improving their lawn is welcome! Please [register for this FREE training](#).

December 8 -- Holiday Decorating the Cheap and Easy Way, 6pm, Pulaski Co Extension Service office, [register for this FREE program](#)

Keep scrolling to see what's happening!



Winter and very early spring are great times to prune woody plants.

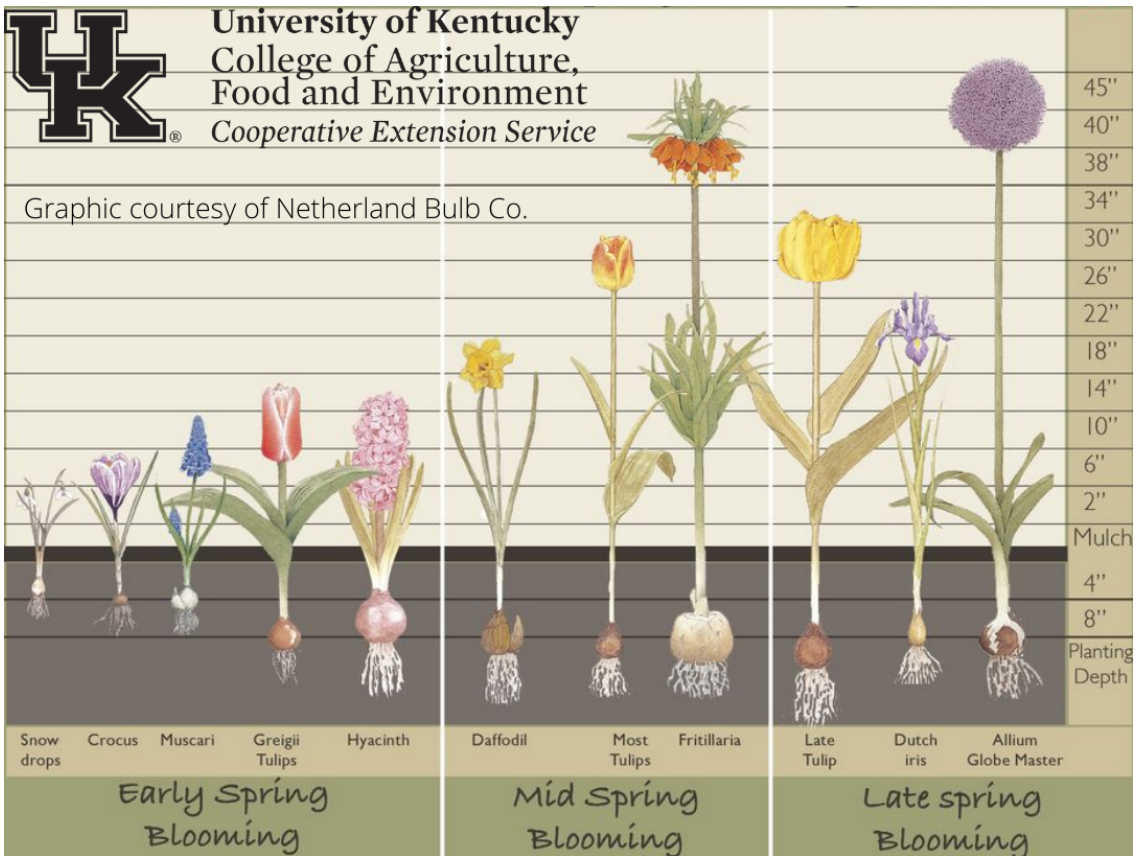
[Watch Dr Lindsey Purcell of Purdue](#) show us how to properly prune trees.



Birds and Blooms has a few ways to [recycle those pumpkins/gourds/squash](#) you might have leftover from autumn decorations.



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- **OCTOBER IS THE IDEAL PLANTING TIME**
- **AT LEAST 6 HOURS OF SUN**
- **PLANT BULB 2-3 TIME DEEP AS IT IS TALL**

In Kentucky, October is ideal planting time for hardy bulbs. However, this time can be extended into November as well. So **KEEP PLANTING!**

Time to Plant Garlic



Mid- to late-October is
a great time to plant
garlic in Kentucky

Hardneck varieties are
reliable

Plant pointy-end up

Frost won't bother it during the winter



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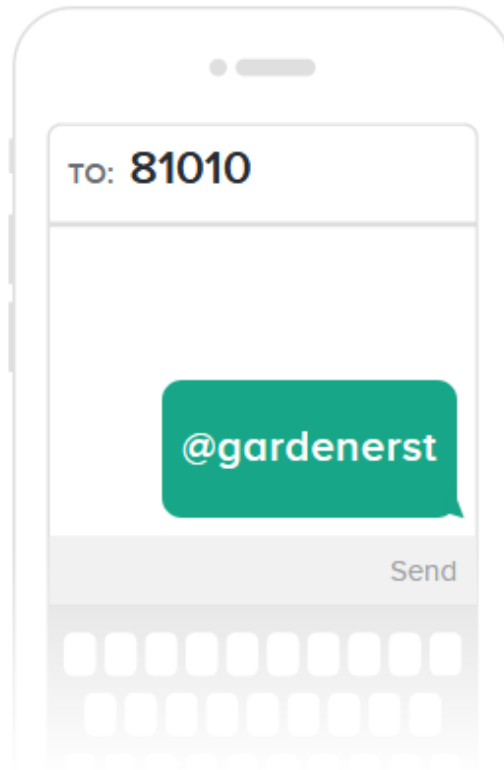


To get text reminders about upcoming home horticulture programs,
join our Remind list

Tell people to text @gardenerst to the number 81010

They'll receive a welcome text from Remind.

If anyone has trouble with 81010, they can try texting @gardenerst to (606) 536-9692.





FIRE ANTS:

the bad, the bad, and the ugly



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- **Kentucky is *not* considered an infested state**
- **Confirmed in McCreary and Whitley counties in 2022 but exterminated**
- **Report any suspicious mounds to Pulaski Co Extension Service office**

Fire ants build large mounds. They are easiest to see in the spring when not hidden by tall grass. Mounds are generally in sunny, open areas or on south-facing slopes.

**Join Project
FeederWatch today**



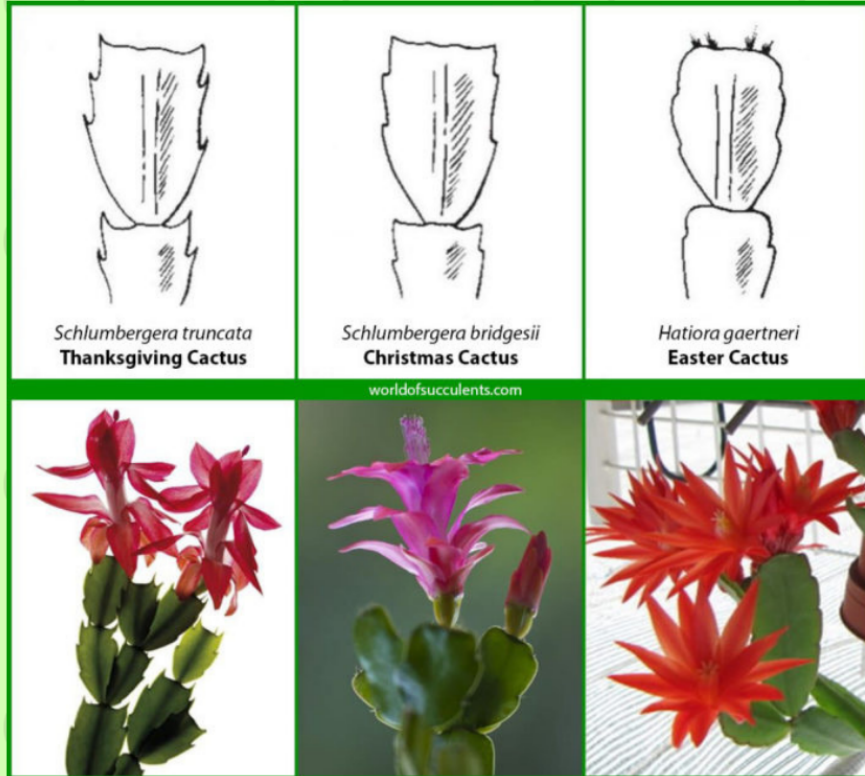
November 1st marked the beginning of Project Feeder Watch, an initiative from the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. Be part of citizen science and record your bird sightings.



Tender bulbs like dahlias, caladiums, and cannas should be lifted and stored. It's a crapshoot in Kentucky whether or not these bulbs will survive if left in the ground over the winter. To guarantee they survive, dig and store.

[University of Wisconsin factsheet](#)

Christmas or Thanksgiving Cactus??



Most of the 'Christmas' cactus sold in the US are, in fact, Thanksgiving cactus. Thus the term 'holiday' cactus that covers them both.

Click [here to learn how to care for them](#).



Ginkgo biloba

- Ancient tree from China
- Last survivor of its family
- Unique, fan-shaped leaves
- Unusual habit of dropping most of its leaves within a few days
- Brilliant yellow fall color
- Male cultivars preferred



stinky female 'fruit'



- Known as a living fossil, remains of this tree have been dated to 270 million years ago.
- Female trees produce fruit that smells like rancid butter or vomit. The only way to ensure you are planting a male is to purchase male cultivars: 'Autumn Gold', 'Princeton Sentry', 'Fastigiata', and others.



Lake Cumberland [Master Gardeners](#) have taken a couple of plant trips during 2022.

In October, they visited Bernheim Arboretum and Research Forest. They had a guided tour of the edible garden and then saw the Forest Giants.

They also went to the UK Arboretum in July 2022. There, they had a guided tour of the All America Selections flower trial. They also were introduced to a new part of the arboretum featuring plants used as natural dyes.

The next Master Gardener Program will be offered in August/September 2023.

LEAVES ARE NOT LITTER

THEY 'RE FOOD AND SHELTER FOR
BUTTERFLIES, BEETLES, BEES, MOTHS, AND MORE.
TELL FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS TO JUST

#LEAVETHELEAVES



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The red-banded hairstreak lays its eggs on fallen oak leaves - which become the first food for hungry caterpillars when they hatch.

LEAVE THE LEAVES



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The beautiful luna moth overwinters as a cocoon in fall leaves. Don't toss out this treasure!

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Soil test for your vegetable gardens, trees, shrubs, perennials, annuals, turf, anything! It can be done at any time of the year. Each

resident of Pulaski Co gets up to 25 tests for free!

[How to Take a Soil Sample](#)

[Soil Testing: What It Is and What It Does](#)



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**Wanna great vegetable garden
next year? Then...**

test your soil now

Contact the Pulaski Co Extension office to find out how
606-679-6361 or beth.wilson@uky.edu

Get ready for more From the Woods Today webinars [each Wednesday morning at 11am](#) from the UK Department of Forestry and Natural Resources!



www.FromTheWoodsToday.com



Webinars appropriate for November can be found here including:

- Pruning Basics
- Cheap and Easy Worm Bins
- Backyard Maple Syrup
- Forest Mushrooms
- Bulb Basics
- Digging and Storing Dahlias
- Fall Flower Arrangement
- Fall Home Insect Invaders
- ...and many more!

UK's Horticulture Webinar Wednesdays are archived on this [YouTube channel](#).



PINE STRAW AVAILABLE

NEW PRICES

\$8 per bale for 49 or less bales

\$7 per bale for 50 or more bales

Pine straw comes to Pulaski County courtesy of the [Lake Cumberland Master Gardener](#) Association.

Sheet Pan Dinner



- *1 package of fully cooked turkey sausage, sliced*
 - *3 cups chopped vegetables such as onion, bell pepper, sweet potatoes, zucchini, carrots, and broccoll*
 - *2 tablespoons olive oil*
 - *2 teaspoons garlic powder*
 - *Black pepper to taste*
1. Wash hands with warm water and soap, scrubbing for at least 20 seconds.
 2. Gently scrub all vegetables under cool running water before preparing them.
 3. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F.
 4. Place sliced sausage and vegetables

on a baking sheet and drizzle with olive oil, garlic powder, and black pepper. Bake for 30 minutes or until veggies are fork tender.

5. Store leftovers in the refrigerator within 2 hours.

Vegetarian option:

Omit the turkey sausage, and use one cup of chickpeas. This reduces sodium by 500 mg.

Makes 4 servings.

Serving size: 3 ounces sausage plus 3/4 cup vegetables

Cost per recipe: \$6.65

Cost per serving: \$1.66



You can go back and look at old newsletters from 2018 through 2020.

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