

Upcoming Horticulture Programs in Evansville Area

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I need to take a break from writing about ash borers, to let you know about some upcoming programs in the Evansville area. All of these programs are free (unless otherwise mentioned), and open to everyone! All times listed are Central time.

Saturday, February 13, 10:00 am: “Gardening for People with Physical Disabilities.” North Park Library, 960 Koehler Dr., Evansville, IN. I will be discussing some tips for people who still wish to garden despite decreases in vision, mobility, and dexterity. I will also be demonstrating some tools that make gardening tasks easier.

Monday, February 15 at 1:00 pm.: “Pruning Peach Trees.” Purdue specialists will be coming down to Englebrecht Orchards on 16800 Petersburg Road, Evansville, IN. There will be a hands-on demonstration of pruning peach trees at the site. Dress accordingly for the weather.

Tuesday, February 16, 3:00 pm.: “Planning the Vegetable Garden.” McCollough Library, 5115 Washington Ave. Evansville, IN. I will be covering some of the basics of starting a vegetable garden, including soil preparation, planting time, and care of the garden.

Thursday, March 3, 6:00 pm.: “Fighting Crabgrass...and Winning!” Red Bank Library, 120 S Red Bank Rd., Evansville, IN. I will be explaining how crabgrass grows and why it’s such a problem in tri-state lawns. We’ll look at ways to control it without chemicals, and touch on the proper usage of herbicides. If time permits, I’ll also include a few tips for general spring lawn care.

Saturday, March 12, 8 am to 4 pm: “Ohio Valley Small Farm and Garden Conference.” Henderson County Extension Service, 3341 Zion Road, Henderson KY. This is a full-day conference, combining the expertise of both Purdue and University of Kentucky staff. A wide range of topics will be covered, including poultry, fruit production, organic pest control and soil improvement, food safety, pond management, and much, much more! The brochure can be downloaded from my website: <https://api.ag.purdue.edu/api/DepotWS/File.ashx?t=f&i=31590>. Cost: \$10 if pre-registered, \$15 at the door. Contact your local Extension office to register.

Tuesday, March 15, 6:30 pm.: “Emerald Ash Borer in the Tri-State”. North Park Library, 960 Koehler Dr., Evansville, IN. Join Evansville city arborist Shawn Dickerson,

TruGreen commercial manager Anthony Moffat, and myself as we show how to identify the signs and symptoms of EAB; how to identify ash trees; what control options exist; and how to decide if your tree is worth saving.

Saturday, March 26, at 10:00 am: “Container Gardening.” Central Library, 200 SE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Evansville, IN., Browning Room. I will be leading a hands-on demonstration on how to have a garden, even if you don’t have room for a garden. We will learn what kinds of containers you can use, where to get good quality soil, and how to plant and care for your plants. The first 25 families will each get to take home their own container garden!

Thursday, March 31, 6:00 pm: “Kudzu and Other Invasive Plants in Evansville.” Red Bank Library, 120 S Red Bank Rd., Evansville, IN. Some plants go beyond just being weeds; some become invasive menaces. We will identify the most common invasive plants in our area, learn what makes them so bad, and discuss control measures.

For more information on any of these programs, please contact me at the Vanderburgh County Extension Office, (812) 435-5287.