

Spencer County Agriculture & Horticulture Newsletter



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I have visited a few homes in the past few weeks, surveying damage from the extreme cold spell we had in December. I have seen quite a few landscape plants that look like they didn't survive.

Some also look like they did survive, but the growth has been slowed. I've been recommending that they give those plants and trees a little more time to see if they are going to come out of the stress before they are replaced. Hopefully, the damage won't be as bad as we had expected.

As always, feel free to call or email me if you have any questions.
Sincerely,

Bryce Roberts,
Spencer County Extension Agent for
Agriculture and Natural Resources

More Information

As always, if you need more information, feel free to **call me** at 477-2217.

You can also **email me** at broberts@uky.edu or you can **visit my website** to view archived newsletters and news articles. The web address is: www.spencerextension.com



Farmers Market Now Open

The Taylorsville/Spencer County Farmers Market is now open and will be open beginning at 8 a.m. until noon or so on Saturdays. Some of the vendors may stay past noon if there is a crowd. The market will be open every Saturday (rain or shine) until the end of October. It is located at 751 Taylorsville Road next to Fresh Take Market.

There are several vendors selling a wide variety of products, including meats, cheeses, jams, jellies, honey, breads, goat milk soaps and lotions, candles, and other produce. Make sure you support our local producers...they are the ones that are growing what you're buying.

If you are interested in becoming a vendor (small producers are welcome), please contact me or stop by our office for an application. For more information on the market, feel free to contact Sandi Deutsch at 502-252-1400.



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Beekeepers Association Meetings

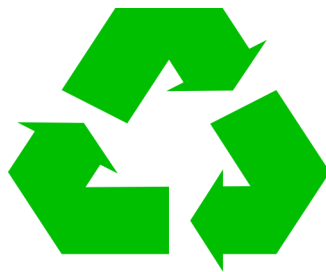
Just a quick reminder that the Spencer Co. Beekeepers Association holds monthly meetings at our office on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. They begin at 6:30 p.m.



Rinse and Return Program

Our office will once again be a drop off location for the Rinse and Return program. It will be held on **August 14 from 10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.** Please collect and hold onto your containers until then.

The Rinse and Return Program is a voluntary, cooperative program sponsored by the Kentucky Department of



Agriculture and the Agri-Business Association of Kentucky (ABAK). Other partners include the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service, which helps coordinate the Program on a county level, Farm Bureau, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service and the local conservation districts, and the Ag Container Recycling Council.

Due to the materials previously held by these pesticide containers they cannot be recycled with your ordinary household plastics. This program allows for the proper recycling of these pesticide containers. This reduces the amount of material entering the landfill or being disposed of by other means. Some of the end products include drainage pipe, highway sign posts, underground utility conduit, and wire/cable spool flanges.

Pressure Rinsing

Remove cover from container. Empty the pesticide into the spray tank and let the container drain for 30 seconds.

Continue holding the container upside down over the sprayer tank opening so rinsate will run into the sprayer tank.

Insert the pressure-rinse nozzle by puncturing through the bottom of the pesticide container.

Rinse for length of time recommended by the manufacturer (generally 30 seconds or more).

Triple Rinsing

Remove cover from container. Empty the pesticide into the spray tank and let the container drain for 30 seconds.

Fill the container 10% to 20% full of water or rinse solution.

Secure the cover on the container.

Swirl the container to rinse all inside surfaces.

Remove cover from the container. Add the rinsate from the container to spray tank and let drain for 30 seconds or more.

Repeat steps 2 through 5 two more times.

Puncture container.

Beginning Producer Session

We are continuing our Beginning Producer Series with a session on "High Tunnel Construction and Information." The session will be on May 30 beginning at 6 p.m. THIS SESSION WILL BE HELD AT THE BULLITT CO. EXTENSION OFFICE, 384 Halls Lane, in Shepherdsville.

To register, please call our office at 477-2217 or you can register online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/beginning-farmer-gardener-landowner-class-may-high-tunnels-tickets-483426921937?aff=erelexpmlt>

Please register by May 26 as a light meal will be provided.



Spring Weather Can Bring Heavy Rain and the Risk of Flooding



By Derrick Snyder – National Weather Service Paducah, KY

As we head deeper into spring, we wanted to talk to you about something that's on our minds this time of year: flash flooding. Now, we know Kentuckians are no strangers to heavy rain and overflowing creeks, but it's important to be prepared for the worst.

So, what can you do to stay safe during a flash flood? Here are a few tips to keep in mind:

1. Keep your eyes and ears open: Listen for weather reports and stay alert for any signs of flooding in your area. If you see water starting to rise, don't wait until it's too late to take action.
2. Have a plan in place: Talk to your family about what you would do in case of a flood. Make sure everyone knows how to get to high ground and where to meet up if you get separated.
3. Don't take any chances: Never try to drive or walk through flooded areas. The water might look shallow, but it could be a lot deeper and faster than you realize. It only takes 12 inches of water to cause your vehicle to lose traction, and only 6 inches of water to sweep you off your feet.
4. Get your homestead ready: If you live in a flood-prone area, make sure you have sandbags or other barriers on hand to protect your home. Keep your gutters clean and your downspouts pointed away from your house.
5. Stay safe during the flood: If a flood does happen, get to higher ground as quickly as possible. And if you have to wade through water, be sure to wear rubber boots and stay away from downed power lines.

But there's one more thing you can do to help keep your community safe during floods: report rainfall measurements to the National Weather Service. Measuring and reporting rainfall can help the Weather Service better predict and prepare for flash floods.

Here's how to do it:

1. Get a rain gauge: You can buy a rain gauge at a hardware store or online. Make sure it's placed in an open area away from trees or buildings. You can obtain a high-quality rain gauge by becoming an observer with a nationwide network known as the Community Collaborative Rain, Hail, and Snow Network (CoCoRaHS). Learn more at cocorahs.org or call your local National Weather Service (NWS) office.
2. Measure rainfall: After a rainfall event, go outside and check the gauge. Write down the amount of rainfall in inches, to the nearest hundredth of an inch. Don't forget to dump your gauge so it's ready for the next event!
3. Report the measurement: You can report the rainfall measurement to the NWS by calling your local weather office or by visiting their website. Be sure to include your name, location, and the amount of rainfall you measured, as well as the period for which you measured the rain.

Reporting rainfall is a simple and important way to help your community stay safe during floods. We hope you'll consider doing your part to keep everyone informed.

**3 SIMPLE STEPS FOR
FLASH FLOOD SAFETY**

During a flood, water levels and the rate at which the water is flowing can quickly change. Remain aware and monitor local radio and television.

1 GET TO HIGHER GROUND
Get out of the areas subject to Flooding

2 DO NOT DRIVE INTO WATER
Do NOT drive or walk into flooded areas. It only takes 6" of water to knock you off your feet.

3 STAY INFORMED
Monitor local radar, television, weather radio, internet or social media for updates.

WHEN FLOODED
TURN AROUND
DON'T
DROWN

weather.gov/flood



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Strawberry Salsa

1 tablespoon olive oil

2 tablespoons white vinegar or white balsamic vinegar

½ teaspoon salt

2 cups, coarsely chopped fresh strawberries

8 green onions, chopped

2 cups chopped cherry or grape tomatoes

½ cup chopped fresh cilantro

1. Whisk olive oil, vinegar, and salt in large bowl.

2. Add strawberries, green onions, tomatoes, and cilantro. Toss to coat.

3. Cover and chill for 1 hour.

4. Serve with tortilla or pita chips.

Yield: 7, ½ cup servings.

Nutrition Analysis: 40 calories; 2 g fat; 0 g saturated fat; 0 mg cholesterol; 170 mg sodium; 6 g carbohydrate; 1 g fiber; 4 g sugar; 1 g protein; 60% of vitamin C.

Source: www.fruitsandveggiesmatter.gov

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