Announcements from North Carolina Cooperative Extension- Bladen County Center

NCDA Soil Lab Update

An excerpt from David Hardy, Chief of Soil Testing for NCDA & CS in Raleigh, states that turnaround time for samples delivered January 10th, 2022, is estimated to be 5 weeks. If you sent samples in prior to the fee, he estimates for all results/reports associated to be released is the end of the first week of February. They are currently releasing reports for samples that were received around 11/22.

If you need help finding results or reports for samples submitted, call the extension office at (910) 862-4591 and we can assist you. Soil samples are currently \$4 a sample. Bladen County Cooperative Extension Center has soil boxes and forms that are available to you.

Soil Sample Fees

Soil samples are currently \$4 each. NCDA & CS are taking routine soil samples now and estimates a turnaround time of 5 weeks.

Upcoming Events

February Pruning Class: There will be a pruning class at the Bladen County Public Library in Elizabethtown. Topics covered during this workshop will include pruning strategies and how to prune different species of ornamentals. After the presentation, there will be a hands-on demonstration outside of the library. Dress appropriately for the weather and for the workshop.

When: The class will be on February 24th from 4-6pm. Register by the 21st of February, Monday, by calling Bladen County Cooperative Extension Center at (910) 862-4591.

Location: Bladen County Public Library in Elizabethtown. The address is 111 N Cypress St, Elizabethtown, NC 28337

For more information or to register, contact Jacob Barber, Consumer Horticulture Agent, at (910) 862-4591 or email <u>jacob_barber@ncsu.edu</u>.

For the meeting listed, person with disabilities may request accommodations to participate by contacting the Extension Office where the meeting will be held by phone, email, or in person at least 7 days prior to the event.

Gardening Calendar for January—February

For the first few months of the new year, you can get an early start on your spring garden or even plant some cool season crops for the remainder of the cool season gardening. Be sure to read the label clearly before planting your vegetable or garden crop. There are many different varieties of these vegetables that can vary in planting time, planting method (bulb, seed or transplant) or planting depth. Below is a chart from an

E = Eastern, P = Piedmont, W = Western
B = Bulbs; C = Crowns; S = Seeds; T = Transplants; Tu = Tubers
*Start seeds indoors for later transplant in the garden. Do not plant seeds directly in the garden.

Fruit, Herb, or Vegetable	Days to Harvest (from seed unless	Distance Between	Jan		Feb		N	Mar		Apr		May		Jun		Jul		Aug		Sep		Oct		Nov		Dec	
ners, or regeration	otherwise noted)	Plants	1	15	1	15	1	15	1	15	1	15	1	15	1	15	1 15	1	15	1	15	1	15	1	15		
Asparagus	C = 2 years	18 in																									
Cabbage	T = 63 - 75 S = 90 - 120*	12 in																									
Carrots	75 – 80	2 in																									
Lettuce, head	T = 45 - 60 S = 70 - 85	10 in																									
Onions, bulb	B = 75 - 105 S = 90 - 120	4 in																									
Peas, dwarf/bush	54 – 60	4 in																									
Peas, vining	54 - 72	2-3 in																									
Radishes	20-25	1 in																									
Rutabaga	70 - 80	4 in																									
Turnips	55 - 60	2 in																									