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## **Rutgers Master Gardeners of Union County Vegetable Gardening Series 2019**

**Trailside Nature and Science Center  
452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, NJ 07092  
Demonstration Garden and TMA Room  
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

*Come join the Rutgers Master Gardeners for an evening of vegetable gardening know-how! Community, school and home gardeners will benefit from these programs. Each program features a tour of the "Sharing Garden" vegetable garden where Master Gardeners grow vegetables for local food pantries and a lecture on vegetable gardening topics.*

**Monday, July 22, 2019**

**"Keys to Successful Composting"**

*Speaker: Michele Bakacs, County Environmental Agent*

**Wednesday, July 31, 2019**

**"Keeping Pests Out of the Garden"**

**Insect & Disease Management**

*Speaker: Madeline Flahive DiNardo, County Agricultural Agent*

**Thursday, August 15, 2019**

**"Harvesting and Food Safety"**

*Speaker: Dennis Lenahan, Master Gardener*

**Registration Information:** There is no fee for this program. You can sign up for as many topics as you would like.

Please register at <https://tinyurl.com/Rutgers-Vegetable-Series-2019>.

Questions? Call Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County:

908-654-9854 option 2.

**For directions to Trailside Nature and Science Center visit:**

<http://ucnj.org/parks-recreation/trailside-nature-science-center/directions/>

**Please park in the main parking lot.**

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## The Rutgers Master Gardeners of Union County Vegetable Gardening Series

This series was developed by a team of Rutgers Cooperative Extension faculty and Master Gardener Program Coordinators. Here's what you will learn from each program:

### **"Keys to Successful Composting"**

- Selecting materials suitable for composting
- Choosing a good location for a compost pile
- Maintaining a compost pile

### **"Keeping Pests Out of the Garden" Insect and Disease Management**

- Identifying Integrated Pest Management strategies
- Attracting beneficial insects to a vegetable garden
- Identifying common insects and diseases found in vegetable gardens
- Using cultural methods of insect and disease management

### **"Harvesting and Food Safety in the Vegetable Garden"**

- Choosing the best time of day to harvest vegetables
- Knowing when specific vegetables are ready to be harvested
- Choosing the best storage option for specific vegetables
- Implementing food safety strategies for community gardens
- Practicing personal hygiene that promotes food safety in the garden

**THE TOURS:** Each program will start with a tour of the Rutgers Master Gardeners "Sharing Garden" located in the Demonstration Garden at Trailside. Since 2002, Master Gardeners have grown over 31,000 pounds of produce for local food pantries. The tour for the evening will focus on the evening's program topic.

- Explore the composting demonstration areas – July 22, 2019
- A "Pest Walk" in the garden – July 31, 2019
- Harvesting demonstration – August 15, 2019

*The programs will be held rain or shine.*