



Regional Commercial Horticulture Calendar 2011-12

Cornell Cooperative Extension Hudson Valley provides educational programs that can help you improve your skills in horticulture, pest management, natural resources, and business management. Updated brochures with specific information about each program will be mailed to you beforehand only if you are on your county's Cooperative Extension mailing list. If you wish to get on your county mailing list, have questions, or need further information about these programs, contact your local Cooperative Extension office listed on the back. Note that all * programs offer continuing education credits for applicable certifications. Contact educators listed on specific programs you are interested in for details. Program flyers will be available with details on each program within the month prior to the event.

*2012 Cornell Landscape Webinar Series: Seasonal Pest Updates for Green Industry Professionals

Throughout the 2012 growing season, Cornell University's Sustainable Landscapes-Horticulture Program Work Team (PWT) in direct cooperation with local Cornell Cooperative Extension associations will continue to offer a series of ongoing evening webinars featuring Cornell University Extension Specialists aimed at updating turf & ornamentals professionals about timely environmental pressures and pests and their related management strategies. Applicable professional continuing education credits will be made available (e.g. ISA, GCSAA, NYC DEC Applicator credits). For more information contact your local Cornell Cooperative Extension association or visit: <http://blogs.cornell.edu/hort/category/distance-learning>.

*Urban & Community Forestry Conf.

February 1, 2012 (snow date: 2/2/12)
Clearpool Environmental Ed. Ctr., Carmel, NY
Contact: Stephanie D. Radin 845-677-8223 X104, or Jennifer Stengle 845-278-6738

This program is designed to provide tree care professionals, municipalities and community groups with cutting edge research on tree planting, care, management and maintenance in the community and urban landscape. Relevant topics will also include information on grants and invasive species.

*Arborist Certification Training

Feb. 8, 15, 22, 29, 2012 (review), 12:30 - 5 pm
(Snow dates: 2/10, 2/17, 2/24, 3/2)

March 23, 2012 (exam), 8:30 am
(doors open at 8:00 am)

Cornell Coop. Ext. Dutchess County,
2715 Rte. 44, Millbrook, NY 12545

Stephanie D. Radin 845-677-8223 X104, or
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A training program designed to assist green industry professionals in obtaining the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Certified Arborist designation. Topics will include tree biology, pruning, pest management, and safe work practices. Sessions will also offer

ISA CEU's and NYS DEC Pesticide Recertification credits for certified arborists & licensed pesticide applicators.

*Nursery/Greenhouse Grower's School

February 9, 2012
Cornell Cooperative Extension Orange County,
Middletown, NY

Contact: Teresa Rusinek 845-340-3990 or
Rosemarie Baglia 845-344-1234

Nursery/Greenhouse Grower's School has been expanded to include a wider variety of ornamental crops including perennials, shrubs and bedding plants. Get the latest information on pest control, cultural controls, and other hot topics from industry experts. Spend the day networking with professionals and other growers.

*Stormwater Management for Landscapers & Property Managers

March 7, 2012
Cornell Cooperative Ext. Orange County,
Middletown, NY

Contact: Rosemarie Baglia 845-344-1234 or
Marianna Quartararo 845-292-6180 X112

This program will focus on training landscapers and grounds managers on an array of on-site stormwater management techniques such as stormwater ponds, rain gardens, and erosion and sediment control methods. Current NYSDEC stormwater regulations and guidelines will also be discussed.

*Christmas Tree Twilight Meeting

July 2012, Date and Location TBA
Stephanie D. Radin 845-677-8223 X104,
Teresa Rusinek 845-340-3990,
or Rosemarie Baglia 845-344-1234

This is a hands-on, in the field program focusing on professional Christmas tree production issues.

* Pesticide Recertification Credits will be awarded pending NYS DEC approval. In addition, ISA, SAAF, and NYS licensed landscape architect continuing education credits (CEU's) may be available. Please contact the facilitating educator for more information on specific programs. All dates subject to change.

Other Professional Horticulture Programs of Interest

Stormwater Management Training Series

Cornell Cooperative Extension Orange County
18 Seward Ave, Middletown, NY 10940

Contact: Rose Baglia at rsb22@cornell.edu
or 845-344-1234.

Soils and Hydrology for Green infrastructure:

November 2, 2011

Applied Green Infrastructure:

January 25, 2012

Stormwater Ponds & Wetlands:

February 29, 2012

Stormwater Management for Linear Projects:

March 28, 2012

Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE):

April 18, 2012

SWPPP Prep. and Review:

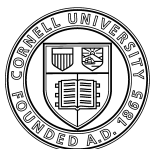
May 10, 2012

*2012 Green Industry Show

Tree, Nursery & Landscape, Turf, and
Floriculture Conference

November 13-15, 2012

Rochester Riverside Conv. Ctr., Rochester, NY
NYSTA at 800-873-8873 or www.nysta.org



Cornell University
Cooperative Extension
Orange, Dutchess, Ulster, Westchester, Putnam, Rockland & Sullivan Counties

***44th Annual Prof. Turf & Landscape Conf.**

January 11, 2012
Westchester County Ctr., White Plains, NY
NYSTLA: 914-993-9455 or www.nystla.com

Sponsored by the New York State Turf & Landscape Association (NYSTLA). One of the largest programs for the green industry in New York. Extensive trade show with numerous professional development classes from which to choose.

***NYSTA Southeast Regional Turf Conference**

January 24 & 25, 2012
Ramada Conference Center, Fishkill, NY
NYSTA at 800-873-8873 visit www.nysta.org, or email jill@nysta.org

Sponsored by the New York State Turfgrass Association. There will be a trade show and a number of program tracks running concurrently, including Building Your Skills, Golf Turf, Lawn/Landscape.

***Greenhouse session at Fruit and Vegetable Expo**

January 25, 2012 in Syracuse

For more information, contact Karen Dean Hall at mrskdhall@aol.com

***Christmas Tree Farmers of New York Annual Winter Meeting**

January 2012 at Turning Stone, Verona NY

For more information, contact

Robert Brown at rwcbrown@verizon.net

***NYS Releaf Conference**

July 2012
Location TBA

Contact: Mary Kramarchyk at 518-402-9412

***IPM In Depth**

Mid-July 2012

Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

For more information, contact Elizabeth Lamb at eml38@cornell.edu

***Floriculture Field Day**

Mid-July 2012

Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

For more information, contact Neil Mattson at neil.mattson@cornell.edu

Certified Landscape Technician Training

Contact: NYSTLA at 914-993-9455 or visit www.nystla.com

An optional national testing program to recognize proficiency of qualified landscape professionals.

Certified Nursery Professional Training

Contact: In Dutchess, Putnam & Westchester:

Scott Olivieri 914-682-4224;

In Orange, Rockland & Ulster:

Contact: Mark Maseo 845-658-9148

By passing this exam you can earn the title Certified Nursery Professional (CNP). Contact your New York State Nursery and Landscape Association, listed above, for more details.

PESTICIDE CERTIFICATION

If you apply pesticides, including weed-killers, weed and feed products, insecticides, fungicides, or tick control products to customer's properties for hire, you or someone in your company must be a New York State Certified Pesticide Applicator through the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and have their business registered. There are three levels of commercial certification: applicator, technician, and apprentice.

For Commercial Applicators

To be eligible to take the exams to become certified, you must meet one of the following requirements:

- ◆ 3 out of the past 5 years of verifiable experience as an apprentice working in the category applicant is seeking certification in; or
- ◆ 3 out of the past 5 years as a certified private applicator in a corresponding private category; or
- ◆ Certification in another State with which New York has reciprocity; or
- ◆ If seeking certification in the Sales Category - At least 3 years experience in the sale of pesticides, or can demonstrate, through applicable training certifications or education degrees, that one possesses appropriate technical background.

Certified Pesticide Technician:

- ◆ Must be at least 17 years of age.
- ◆ 2 years of verifiable experience as an apprentice; or
- ◆ Completion of a 30-hr. training course, approved by the NYS DEC or a baccalaureate or associate degree from an accredited college or university in the area seeking certification. These are offered at the following:

Pest Management Training Center (B. H. Stangel, Inc.):
(845) 357-7734, barrypmtc@optonline.net, or visit www.pestmanagementtraining.com/

Advanced Technical Consultants (ATC): 845-657-4271, or visit www.pested.com (on line courses)

For a more detailed list of current 30 hour certification courses, search the calendar database at Cornell University's Pesticide Management and Education program: <http://calendar.psur.cornell.edu/>

Technicians, once certified, desiring full applicator status the following documentation is required: a letter indicating 2 yrs. of experience or 1 yr. of experience plus 12 recertification credits. Experience and recertification credits must be category or sub-category specific.

Pesticide Apprentice:

- ◆ Must be at least 16 years of age.
- ◆ Must receive 40 hours of pesticide use experience under supervision of a certified applicator and a minimum of 8 hours of instruction on topics outlined in Section 325.18 of Part 325 Rules & Regulations relating to the application of pesticides, before being able to apply general use pesticides under the off-site direct supervision of a certified applicator.
- ◆ Documentation of the above must be maintained by the certified applicator, and include: name & address of apprentice; date(s) of instruction or observation; content of training and certification category; instructor's name and certification identification number; and an evaluation of the competency of the apprentice.

For Private Applicators

- ◆ Must be at least 17 years old.
- ◆ Have at least one year of full-time experience within the last three years in the use of pesticides in the category in which certification is requested -OR
- ◆ Have completed a 30-hr. training course, or has received an associate's or higher level college degree in the area of which certification is requested.

For further information on eligibility rules and regulations, and fees, contact the NYS DEC Region 3 Pesticide Staff at (845) 256-3097. Eligible candidates for certification must attend a pre-exam prep training session, and take and pass two examinations, administered by the NYSDEC. Once you determine you are eligible for certification, contact your county's Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) office for information on registering for the training class and exams. Contact your local CCE educator to find out training dates for your county in the Hudson Valley.

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Ulster:	Teresa Rusinek	tr28@cornell.edu	845-340-3990
Westchester:	Rick Harper	rwh26@cornell.edu	914-946-3005 (office)
Sullivan:	Marianna Quartararo	mdq2@cornell.edu	845-292-6180 x 112