

## Caldwell Parks & Recreation Gardening Classes

**January 14, 10am - 12noon.** House Plants. Ward off the winter doldrums by learning how to garden indoors and how easily you can grow and care for houseplants and the benefits of having them in your home.

**January 28, 10am - 12noon.** Winter Planning for a Summer Vegetable Garden. Learn the few things you can prep now (during our long winter nights) to help you have a fabulous veggie garden this summer. Seed catalogues demystified, garden tool clean up and sharpening, plan for early tomatoes how to make seed tape, etc. Get excited for the growing season with this fun, informative and energetic workshop.

*Gretchen Anderson, AMG*

**February 11, 10am - 12noon.** Planning Your Garden. Learn how to lay your garden out to maximize space and harvest while reducing inputs.

**February 25, 10 am - 12noon.** Weed Control. Learn what you can do now to minimize weed problems later in the season. Traditional as well as organic and non-chemical ways will be explored in this fun class! *Samantha Graf, Livestock Extension Educator*

**March 11, 10am - 12noon.** Companion Planting. Learn what plants grow best with other plants, and what not to plant next to each other in the garden. *Linda Barlow, AMG*

**March 25, 10am - 12noon.** Backyard Chickens. Learn how to manage backyard chickens and benefits of having your own! Learn about egg handling safety, using chickens in the garden for pest control and soil enhancement. *Samantha Graf, Livestock Extension Educator*

**April 8, 10am - 12noon** Landscaping for Seasonal Color. Learn how to design and landscape your yard for year-round color and interest.

**April 22, 10am - 12noon.** Edible Landscapes. Tulips, Orchids, Begonias for dinner? You bet! Learn how to grow edible landscapes, including common ornamental plants you may have never thought of eating. *Isabelle Taylor, AMG*

**May 13 and 27, 10am – 12noon.** Pesticides 1 and 2. Learn how to read labels, what they mean, and how to safely and properly use pesticides in and around your home and landscape as a homeowner. This class will cover the dangers of both traditional and organic pesticides, their impacts on the environment, human health, pollinators, and how you can use pesticides safely. CEUs for private and public applicators will be offered for those seeking professional recertification. *Samantha Graf, Livestock Extension Educator and Rich Guggenheim, Horticulture Extension Educator*

**June 10, 10am - 12noon.** Landscapes for Energy Conservation. The way you landscape can cost you money or save you. Properly landscaped yards can reduce your energy bill by as much as \$250 a year. Learn how in this informative class. *Rich Guggenheim, Horticulture Extension Educator*

**June 24, 10am - 12noon.** Landscaping for Pollinators and Wildlife. Learn how to landscape and plant gardens that will attract pollinators and wildlife to your yard. We will cover native plants and design and color techniques to enhance pollinators and wildlife in your yard. *Rich Guggenheim, Horticulture Extension Educator and Samantha Graf, Livestock Extension Educator*

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**July 8, 10am - 12noon.** Landscaping for Water Conservation. Nothing is as patriotic as landscaping for conservation! In this class learn how to plant a beautiful attractive yard that saves water, and money and why rock mulch is not water-wise or environmentally friendly. **Rich Guggenheim, Horticulture Extension Educator**

**July 22, 10am - 12noon.** Landscaping for Soil Conservation. We've all experienced the wind in Idaho and seen images of the Dust Bowl. Learn how to landscape while improving and conserving the soil! **Rich Guggenheim, Horticulture Extension Educator**

**August 12, 10am - 12noon.** Lawn Care. Lawn care involves more than just watering and an occasional mowing. Learn how to grow the lawn which will be the envy of your neighbors while saving money and reducing weeds, water, fertilizer and time! **Rich Guggenheim, Horticulture Extension Educator**

**August 19, 10am -12noon.** You've Grown it, Now what? Learn from and share with a Master Food Safety Advisor and Advanced Master Gardener. You'll learn easy ways to preserve your harvest. The focus will be mainly on tomatoes: 6-to-8 ways to preserve your bounty. But, other safe and "recipe tested" fruit and vegetable preservation methods will be presented. Don't miss the tips and tricks to easy preservation in this fun, energetic workshop. **Gretchen Anderson, AMG**

**August 26, 10am - 12noon.** Tree Care. Did you know that tree in your yard could be worth \$20,000? From selecting a tree to planting and pruning you'll get to dig right in as we learn the best methods for caring for the most expensive piece of your landscape! **Rich Guggenheim, Horticulture Extension Educator**

**September 9, 10am - 12noon.** Composting. Learn how to compost right in your own kitchen or backyard. Teachers may even find this interesting as we will also learn about vermicomposting with worms, which can be done in the classroom! Come get the "scoop" as we teach one of the best things you can do for your backyard garden and the earth! **Isabelle Taylor, AMG**

**September 23, 10am - 12noon.** Cool Season Gardening. Gardening isn't just a summer activity. Learn how you can get so much more out of your garden by planting for cool and warm seasons! Did you know you could have fresh carrots out of the garden on Thanksgiving? You'll learn how in this class!

**October 14, 10am - 12noon.** What's in a Label? Do you ever go to the store and wonder what "GMO Free", "Non GMO", "Organic", "Certified Organic", "Natural", "Grass Fed" or "Range Free" mean? This class will teach you all you need to know to decipher labels and their meanings. **Samantha Graf, Livestock Extension Educator and Rich Guggenheim, Horticulture Extension Educator**

**October 28, 10am - 12noon.** Bulbs. Become the envy of your entire neighborhood by learning how to plant bulbs in the fall. You'll learn about different types of bulbs and how to extend bulb season color for maximum wow factor! A few hours in the garden in the fall planting bulbs rewards by paying beautiful rewards full of color early in the spring.

**November 11, 10am - 12noon.** Floral Designs. It's time for the center pieces! Learn the basics of floral design in this hands on class!

**December 2, 10am - 12noon.** Wreath Making. Learn some craft creative ways to make your own wreaths! Perfect for entertaining for the holidays!

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**December 16, 10am - 12noon.** Holiday Plant Care. Plants like Poinsettias, orchids, Christmas cactus and pine trees are commonly purchased to make the holidays bright. Learn how to pick the best flowers that will last the longest, and how to care for them to make sure they survive through the holidays and beyond!

**January 18, 2018, 10am – 12noon.** Forcing Bulbs. Learn how to force bulbs now for amazing color indoors to fight off your cabin fever.