



Regional Commercial Horticulture Calendar 2009-10

Cornell Cooperative Extension Hudson Valley provides educational programs that can help you improve your skills in horticulture, pest management 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.

*Nursery/Greenhouse Grower's School

Friday, January 8, 2010
 Ulster BOCES Conference Center,
 New Paltz, 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.

*Arborist Certification Training

Wed., Feb. 10 & 17, 2010, 12:30 - 5 pm
 Wed., Mar. 3 & 10, 2010, 12:30 - 5 pm

Certification Exam:
 Friday, March 26, 2010
 8:30 am (doors open at 8:00 am)
 Cornell Cooperative Extension
 Dutchess County
 2715 Route 44, Millbrook, NY 12545
 Contact: Rick Harper 914-285-2622,
 rwh26@cornell.edu or
 Stephanie Mallozzi 845-677-8223 X104,
 sdm10@cornell.edu4

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.

*Stormwater Management Training for Landscapers

February/early March 2010
 Date and Location TBA
 Contact: Rosemarie Baglia 845-344-1234,
 or Jennifer Stengle 845-278-6738

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.

*Sustainable Landscaping in a Changing Climate

Thursday, April 8, 2010
 SUNY Rockland Community College
 Tech Center, Suffern, NY
 Contact: Rosemarie Baglia 845-344-1234,
 Marianna Quartararo 845-292-6180 X112,
 or Jennifer Stengle 845-278-6738

The program is focused on sustainable landscaping techniques outlined in the Sustainable Sites Initiative standards which will be incorporated into the LEED rating system within the next two years. Landscaping designed to address issues such as stormwater management, plant selection, building healthy soils, and energy efficiency among others will be discussed. Landscape Architect CEU's will be offered.

*Christmas Tree Twilight Meeting

July 2010, date and location TBA
 Contact: Stephanie Mallozzi
 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.

*42nd Annual Professional Turf and Landscape Conference

Wednesday, January 13, 2010
 Westchester County Ctr., White Plains, NY
 Contact: NYSTLA at 914-993-9455 or
 visit 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

February 23 & 24, 2010
 Holiday Inn, Suffern, NY
 Contact: 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.

NYS Releaf Conference

July 22-24, 2010
 William Smith & Hobart Colleges,
 Geneva, NY
 Contact: Mary Kramarchyk
 at 518-402-9412

*Turfgrass Producers International (TPI) Summer Convention Field Day

Thursday, July 29, 2010
 Pineturf Nursery, Pine Island, NY
 Contact: Chip Lain 845-258-4545,
 pineturf@warwick.net

This field day is part of the annual convention of TPI being held in New York City. Pineturf Nursery is a sod farm. The Field Day will include demonstrations on sod production and harvest, turf field trials, vendors, and a barbecue lunch.

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 Program

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.

Other Professional Horticulture Programs of Interest

*Cornell Turfgrass Short Course

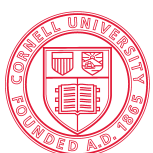
December 7-11, 2009
 Cornell University campus, Ithaca, NY
 Contact: Frank Rossi at 607-255-1629 or
 fsr3@cornell.edu

Sponsored by Sports Turf Managers of New York (STMONY). This 2-day Conference and Trade Show covers topics and issues of interest to sports turf managers, groundskeepers, SBGs, parks and recs staff and all others associated with turf management. Eligible attendees can earn NYSDEC pesticide recertification credits and STMA continuing education units.

*2010 Green Industry Show: Tree, Nursery & Landscape, Turf, and Floriculture Conference

January 12-14, 2010
 Rochester Riverside Convention Center
 Rochester, NY
 Contact: NYSTA at 800-873-8873
 or visit www.nysta.org

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



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

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 (NYS-DEC) and have their business registered. There are now 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:

- ◆ 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 Department or a baccalaureate or associate degree from an accredited college or university in the area seeking certification. These are offered at the following::

Westchester Community College: 914-606-6830

Dutchess Community College: 845-431-8904

Advanced Technical Consultants (ATC): 845-657-4271

ATC on-line courses: www.pested.com

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

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 and 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 experience within the last five years in the use of pesticides in the category in which certification is requested - OR
- ◆ Has 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 NYSDEC Region 3 Pesticide Staff at (845) 256-3097.

Eligible candidates for certification must attend a training session, and take and pass two examinations, administered by the NYS-DEC and held in conjunction with Cornell Cooperative Extension. Once you determine you are eligible for certification, contact your county's Cornell Cooperative Extension office for information on registering for the training class and exams. Contact your local CCE educator to find out training and exam dates for your county in the Hudson Valley.

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Dutchess:	Stephanie Mallozzi	sdm10@cornell.edu	845-677-8223 x 104
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Putnam:	Dianne Olsen	dko3@cornell.edu	845-278-6738
	Jennifer Stengle	jjs95@cornell.edu	845-278-6738
Rockland:	Donna Cooke	dmc72@cornell.edu	845-429-7085 x 108
	Paul Trader	pwt2@cornell.edu	845-429-7085
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