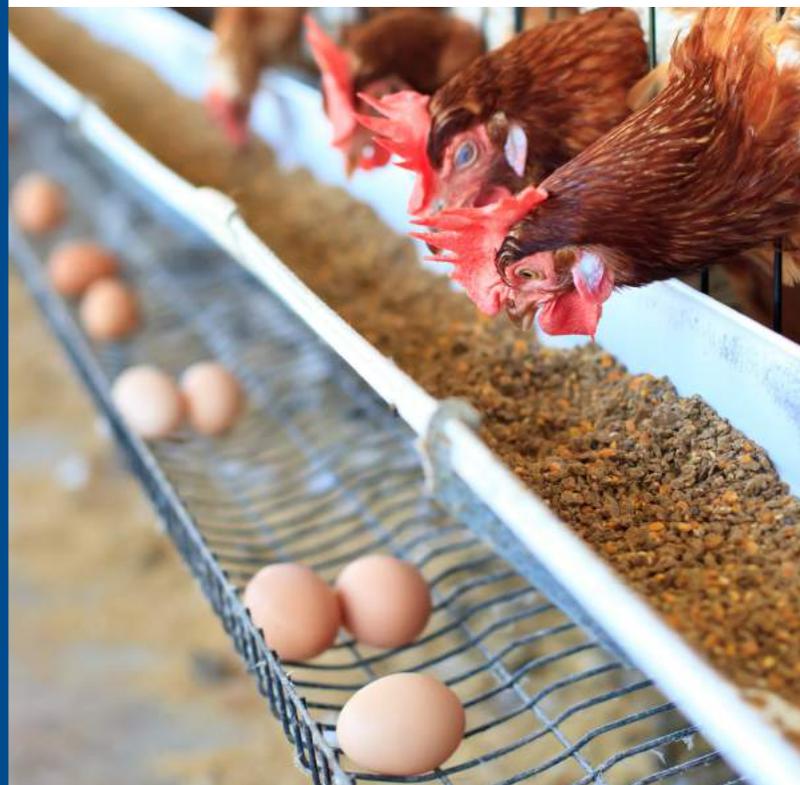


## BACKYARD FARMING



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## **Eating Seasonally and Locally** • Joannee DeBruhl

Tues, Aug 13 • 5:30-7:30p.m. • WSCC SCC Rm. 751 • \$10

Eating seasonally means you get the best tasting and most nutritious fresh produce. You can grow your own food or find local farms to support. We will look at which produce is available during each season. We will also learn about methods for finding local farms and why American farmers need your support. We will also discuss prime harvest times and methods to tell when many vegetables are ready to harvest.

## **When to Harvest** • Jorhie Beadle

Wed, Aug 14 • 5:30-7:30p.m. • AgriScience Building • \$10

Explore a local diversified vegetable farm in peak harvest season. We will be examining our favorite summer crops and learn about harvesting techniques and timing that produce peak quality flavor.

## **Creating a Community Around Food** • Jorhie Beadle

Thurs, Aug 15 • 5:30-7:30p.m. • You Dig It! Community Garden • \$10

Nothing brings people together like food. Join us as we explore local farm to fork opportunities and community resources centered on local food sourcing through the lens of a productive community garden.

## **What is Organic? Why Does it Matter?** • Joannee DeBruhl

Tues, Aug 20 • 5:30-7:30p.m. • WSCC SCC Rm. 751 • \$10

This class will cover the details of how to grow organically. It is a basic vegetable growing class focused on using organic growing methods including the best times of the year for specific vegetables, good bugs and bad bugs, soil testing, and setting up your garden. We will also look at some hand tools and other methods that can help you keep your garden weeds under control.

## **Composting** • Jorhie Beadle

Wed, Aug 21 • 5:30-7:30p.m. • AgriScience Building • \$10

Want to reduce your food waste? Learn about several composting methods that promote a closed loop food system starting right in your backyard.





**Reduce Your Carbon Footprint • Johrie Beadle**  
Thurs, Aug 22 • 5:30-7:30p.m. • AgriScience Building • \$10  
Join us as we explore ways to reduce our environmental impact through recycling, composting and other innovative initiatives.



**Backyard Chickens • Joannee DuBruhl**  
Tues, Aug 27 • 5:30-7:30p.m. • SCC Rm. 751 • \$10  
Learn the basics of raising chickens for meat and eggs. Focus will include caring for your baby chicks and to what to do as they grow older and start laying eggs. We will look at waterers, feeding, egg washing, and coops. We'll also talk about predators and fences. Class will include an exercise to figure out how much space you need for your chickens and ideas for location on your property to keep them healthy and happy.



**Container Gardening • Jorhie Beadle**  
Wed, Aug 28 • 5:30-7:30p.m. • AgriScience Building • \$10  
Learn about small footprint gardening that suites even the smallest growing spaces. Leave this workshop with a small container garden of your own and all the skills to sustain it.



**Gardening 101 • Jorhie Beadle**  
Thurs, Aug 29 • 5:30-7:30p.m. • AgriScience Building • \$10  
Think you don't have a green thumb? This workshop will explore all things to equip you for successful backyard gardening from the basics of soil preparation to harvesting.

**Season Extension • Joannee DuBruhl**  
Wed, Sept 4 • 5:30-7:30p.m. • WSCC SCC Rm 751 • \$10  
Fresh produce can be grown in Michigan all year long. We will review methods to extend the growing season. We will look at cold frames, greenhouses/hoop houses, and indoor growing in the winter. We will review crops that can be planted in the fall, overwintering methods for root crops, and tips for getting an early start in the spring.

**Register Online 24/7 at:  
[westshore.asapconnected.com](http://westshore.asapconnected.com)**



## **Winter Growing in Hoop Houses • Joanne DuBruhl**

Tues, Sept 10 • 5:30-7:30p.m. • WSCC SCC Rm 751 • \$10

This class is geared towards folks that want to grow and sell winter produce. There are many vegetable crops that can be grown all winter without heat. We will look at specific varieties of crops and detailed crop planning to determine estimated yields, seeding methods, watering and harvesting that can make winter growing successful. We will also look at types of hoop houses/high tunnels, placement on your property to maximize winter sun, and features that are helpful when growing in the winter such as snow loads, defrosting hoses, and frost protection.

## **Edible Landscaping • Jorhie Beadle**

Wed, Sept 11 • 5:30-7:30p.m. • AgriScience Building • \$10

Explore the diversity of plants that offer landscape aesthetics, but also a variety of flavors. Leave this workshop with a plan for your own growing space that can be beautiful and tasty too!

## **Herbal Tea Blending • Jorhie Beadle**

Thurs, Sept 12 • 5:30-7:30p.m. • AgriScience Building • \$10

Create your own signature tea blend using dried herbs including peppermint, lavender, and chamomile. This workshop will explore the many health benefits of herbal tea, tea processing and the art of blending. Leave with a few of your personalized tea blends and plans for your own herbal tea garden.

## **Do You Want to Be a Farmer? • Joannee DeBruhl**

Tues, Sept 17 • 5:30-7:30p.m. • WSCC SCC Rm 751 • \$10

This class will help you look at some basic questions you need to answer before you start a farm. What do you want to grow or raise? How much land do you want vs. need? What markets do you want to pursue - retail at farmers market, Community Supported Agriculture, wholesale, or a combination? What type of person are you and how should that impact the type of farm you want to manage? What is your long term vision for your farm and your personal life? What do you need to do to help prevent burnout and maintain a healthy balance between farm and personal life.

**Contact Cara with questions**  
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# CONSERVATION



## Conservation Workshops

Expand your knowledge on global conservation and sustainability efforts. Learn about current trends and what is being done to positively impact our community and world. Discover a few things around the house that can be done to conserve and sustain our earth!

### Water Conservation • Seth Earl

Fri, Aug 30 • 9:00a.m. - 12:00p.m. • WSCC SCC Rm 751 • \$10

### Energy Conservation • Eric Gustad

Fri, Sept 6 • 9:00a.m. - 12:00p.m. • WSCC SCC Rm 751 • \$10

### Environmental Conservation • Jorhie Beadle

Fri, Sept 20 • 5:30-8:30p.m. • SCC Rm. 751 • \$10



# FACILITY TOURS



## Lakewind Energy Park

Friday, August 16 • 11:00a.m.-2:00p.m.

Wind farms are a cluster of wind turbines that capture the wind and convert it to electricity. Consumer's Energy purchased 16,000 acres in Mason County and created the Lakewind Energy Park. The 56 turbines are 476' in height provide 100 megawatts of energy. Join us to tour the park and get an up close view of the windmills while learning about the energy conversion process.

## Consumer's Energy Hydroelectric Pump Storage

Friday, August 23 • 11:00a.m.-2:00p.m.

The Ludington Pumped Storage Plant is the 5th largest Hydroelectric Plant in the world. Tour the reservoir that holds 27 billion US gallons of water and the six reversible turbines.

### For both facility tours please note the following:

- Meet at the Ludington and Scottville Chamber of Commerce  
5300 West Ludington Ave., Ludington, MI 49431 at 11a.m.
- No open toed sandals or shoes.
- No skirts, dresses, or shorts
- Only long pants and sturdy - closed toed shoes will be allowed



# REGISTRATION FORM

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Class 1: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Class Title/Date/Time**

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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