



Gardening Resources

Have a Gardening Question?

Claudie is happy to answer any of your gardening and farming questions in person at our Thursday market or via email. Feel free to reach out anytime.

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Call the Buncombe County Extension Master GardenerSM Hotline

Three ways to contact the Garden Helpline:

- Call 828-255-5522
- Email questions and photos to buncombemg@gmail.com
- Visit the Extension Office at 49 Mt. Carmel Road during Helpline hours, listed below.

Composting Resources

Community Scale Composting Systems, by James McSweeney

Simple Guide to Composting

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kt6mloKK6wE>

Home & Backyard Composting

<https://composting.ces.ncsu.edu/home-composting/>

Dr. John Wilson Community Garden Facebook Group

<https://www.facebook.com/drjohnwilsoncommunitygarden/>

Websites

Western North Carolina has an extensive list of online resources you can find with a quick Google search. Here are a few of the top websites below:

North Carolina Cooperative Extension: The North Carolina Cooperative Extension offers a range of resources for gardeners and farmers in western North Carolina, including educational programs, workshops, and publications.

- You can find your local Extension office here: <https://www.ces.ncsu.edu/local-county-center/>.
- Container Gardening Information: <https://forsyth.ces.ncsu.edu/container-gardening/>
- General gardening information: <https://gardening.ces.ncsu.edu/>

Organic Growers School: The Organic Growers School is a non-profit organization that provides training and resources for organic and sustainable agriculture. They offer workshops, conferences, and online resources for farmers and gardeners in the western North Carolina region. You can learn more about their programs here:

<https://organicgrowersschool.org/farmers/farming-resources/>

North Carolina State University Mountain Horticultural Crops Research and Extension Center: This research and extension center is located in Mills River, NC and focuses on crops that are specifically suited to the mountainous regions of western North Carolina. They offer a variety of resources and research on topics such as apples, blueberries, and grapes. You can learn more about their programs here: <https://mountainhort.ces.ncsu.edu/>

Youtube Channels

Youtube can be an excellent resource for gardening content, spanning a wide variety of topics. Here are a few of the most popular gardening channels below:

NC State Extension: NC State Extension has a YouTube channel with videos on a variety of topics related to gardening and farming in North Carolina, including pest management, vegetable gardening, and fruit production. You can find their channel here: <https://www.youtube.com/@HomegrownNCStateExtension>

Sarah Bostick:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLkaYUPVpk0P6ibpyrFKHwLAI2cJGRen51>

Charles Dowding: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCB1J6siDdmhwah7q0O2WJBg>

Scott Head: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCk0qmcm_o9JuguuDS7Q2psg

Self Sufficient Me: <https://www.youtube.com/user/markyv69>

Liz Zorab - Byther Farm: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCe0Ha5QljsCV5UqIkobBrcQ>

Mlgardener: <https://www.youtube.com/user/Mlgardener>

RED Gardens: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq9U-gJ1LtDCE4W5BhEDFSQ>

Huw Richards - Grow Food Organically: <https://www.youtube.com/user/HuwsNursery>

Gardener Scott: <https://www.youtube.com/user/GardenerScott>

Tony C Smith: <https://www.youtube.com/user/StarShipSofa>

Books:

Raised-Bed Gardening for Beginners: Everything You Need to Know to Start and Sustain a Thriving Garden - by Tammy Wylie (Author)

The Vegetable Gardener's Bible by Edward C. Smith

Plants You Can't Kill: 101 Easy-to-Grow Species for Beginning Gardeners by Stacy Torino

How Plants Work by Linda Chalker-Scott

The Complete Gardener: A Practical, Imaginative Guide to Every Aspect of Gardening by Monty Don