

Date/Time: Sunday, April 3, 2016 / 6:00 PM
Location: Wegman's Restaurant, 4401 Pottsville Pike, Reading, PA 19605 610 929-2538
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The Berks County Sheriff Brigade Presents:
Backyard Gardening
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Featuring Ms. Beth Finlay, Master Gardener Coordinator - Penn State Extension:
Come and learn how you can start and/or improve your backyard composting system.

Penn State Master Gardeners will demonstrate simple, effective methods of composting at home to convert readily-available materials to the "black gold" that is an ideal amendment for improving your soil. Tips and techniques will benefit both new and experienced composters. From Wikipedia: "Compost is the organic matter that has been decomposed and recycled as a fertilizer and soil amendment. Compost is a key ingredient in organic farming. At the simplest level, the process of composting simply requires making a heap of wetted organic matter known as green waste (leaves, food waste) and waiting for the materials to break down into humus after a period of weeks or months"





Local Backyard Gardeners Jim and Mary will present on their organic practices in producing high quality sustainable vegetables and fruits for themselves, their children and grandchildren. Within their presentation, you will see how they incorporate row, vertical and permaculture techniques in growing their food. Also, this year they built a grow room in their home where they are now starting their own plants using LED lighting. In conclusion, Mary will share her success in storing their food through canning, freezing, drying and cool storage of potatoes, onions and winter squash.



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