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Free Gardening Seminars

Last week I discussed the seminar that is happening this week, and for some of you it may have already happened by the time you read this. The schedule for the entire series for 2018-2019 is listed here, so get them on your calendar or keep the dates until the 2019 calendars are available.

OSUE Brown County Master Gardener Volunteers are excited to announce their 2018-19 Garden Seminar Series. These seminars will be held at the Mt. Orab campus of Southern State Community College on the third Thursday of the month from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and are free and open to the public. The May 16 garden seminar will be held at a different location that will be announced at a later date. Mark your calendars and plan to attend these free garden seminars!

September 20 – Susan Barber – Putting the Garden to Bed for the Winter
 October 18 – Emily Archibald – Planting for Pollinators
 Nov. 15 – Doug Dyer – Poison Hemlock /Invasive
 January 17 – Carly Ratliff – Rain Barrels
 February 21 – James Morris – Soil/Soil Tests
 March 21 – Denise Bollinger-Roses
 April 18 – Sara Creamer – Herbs
 May 16 – James Morris – Weed Identification

Attention Pumpkin Growers

We will be holding a **Pumpkin Disease Diagnosis Field Night** at the Ohio State University South Centers in Piketon on **Wednesday, October 3, 2018**. The Pumpkin field night will be hosted by Brad Bergfurd who is an OSU Extension Educator, at the OSU South Centers and Scioto County. The Southern Ohio Cooperative will be a part of the this event. Many topics will be covered such as:

- Pumpkin crop management
- 20 Pumpkin cultivar evaluations
- Disease control and management
- Disease screening for powdery mildew, downy mildew, anthracnose and white speck
- Walking tour of our pumpkin field trial
- And more

If you are a current pumpkin grower, or are thinking of growing pumpkins, then you do not want to miss this field night. Cost to attend is \$10.00 per person. Preregistration is required. To register, you may contact Charissa Gardner at gardner.1148@osu.edu or at 740.289.2071 ext. 132. Deadline to register is October 2, 2018.



New Requirements for Paraquat

If one thing is consistent in agriculture it is the fact that rules with pesticides are ever changing. Recently I received an update from the OSU Pesticide Safety Education Program. Mary Rose is the director for the program and sent the following update that came from Patsy Laird. New EPA Requirements for Paraquat Products. National Pesticide Applicator Certification and Safety Education Workshop. San Antonio, TX in August of 2018.

The EPA will be phasing in key restrictions and label changes for paraquat products due to the disproportionately high number of deaths resulting from accidental ingestion of the highly toxic herbicide (17 deaths since 2000). Only certified applicators who complete an EPA-approved paraquat training program will be able to apply the material; direct supervision of uncertified applicators will not be allowed. Applicators must take the online safety training every three years and keep documentation of the training. The pesticide label will be modified to highlight paraquat toxicity, new application restrictions, and training requirements. Packages will feature safety stickers and counter cards with warnings will accompany each purchase. Registrants submitted label changes in March 2018 and will have 12 months from EPA's label approval date to adopt the new labels.

Closed-system packing will be required for all non-bulk containers (less than 120 gallon). Registrants will submit label changes and new product registrations for the closed system packaging by March, 2019, and will have 12 months from EPA's label approval date to adopt the closed system packaging.

Registrants will be prohibited from sale or distribution of old labeled product after the deadlines, but persons other than registrants may continue to use/sell existing stocks until exhausted.

EPA will grant exceptions to the closed packaging requirement to researchers on a case-by-case basis.

Dates to Remember

Sept. 27 – Oct. 1 Brown County Fair

October 25 Beef Quality Assurance Training at the United Producers Stockyards in Hillsboro at 6:30 p.m. Call 393-3424 to register prior to the event. Meal starts an hour prior.