

Spring Into Gardening with Washakie County Extension

Join us on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8:00pm for a series of spring gardening classes. All classes will be held at the Washakie County Extension Office and there is no cost to attend.
For more information please call 307-347-3431.

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## **February 24<sup>th</sup> – Building Healthy Soil with Dr. Caitlin Youngquist**

A beautiful and productive garden starts in the soil. In this class, we will learn about building and maintaining healthy soil, and how the health of your soil impacts the health of your garden! We will also discuss compost methods, and how to use compost in the garden.

## **March 3<sup>rd</sup> – Weed and Pest Control with Dr. Karen Panter**

Alternative, legal strategies for managing insects, mites, diseases, and weeds will be discussed. These include commercially available products such as horticultural oils and soaps, naturally occurring pathogens that attack insects, beneficials, and some softer herbicide options. We'll also discuss cultural, environmental, and mechanical ways to cope with some of these pests.

## **March 10<sup>th</sup> – Trees and Shrubs with Tina Russell**

Come and learn about some of the hardy trees and shrubs well-suited for the growing conditions of Washakie County. The presentation will also focus on proper tree planting, maintenance, and care.

## **March 17<sup>th</sup> – Gardening for Pollinators with Claire Dunne**

Pollinators are key to good crops such as tomatoes, plump strawberries and fruit trees. Learn which shrubs and flowers to plant to attract pollinators to your yard and how to provide water and loafing areas for butterflies.

## **March 24<sup>th</sup> – Seed Saving with Mae Smith**

Did a friend give you tomato seeds that produced the best tomatoes you've ever had? Would you like to be able to save the seeds so you can enjoy those tomatoes again next year? This workshop will help people new to seed saving learn about the process.

## **March 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm – Growing Giant Pumpkins with Jay Richards**

Want to know what it takes to grow a 1000 lb pumpkin? Join us for this fun class and go home with a seed to start growing your very own giant! Jay will be hosting a giant pumpkin contest this fall at the Lungren Girls Farm and you won't want to miss out on the fun and fierce competition!



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