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Try a small-scale garden this year

mix contains at least 25% compost.

As we look for something to do that is enjoyable and has built in social distancing, think about gardening. People living in town or on a small lot might not think they have space to garden, but that is not necessarily the case. UK Cooperative Extension Service publication, ID-248: Gardening in Small Spaces, shows you how you can garden in a small area.

Besides space, an issue that may limit gardening is sunlight. Most vegetables require full sun, meaning six or more hours of direct sunlight each day. If you have an open yard free of tall trees or a south-facing sunny patio, you should have sufficient light. If you only get four hours or so of light, try lettuce, spinach and radishes for the spring garden, or Swiss chard, cucumbers or winter squash for the summer garden.

Gardening with limited space is best done in raised beds in the yard or containers for the patio. Beds can be made of many materials such as wood, plastic, vinyl or concrete blocks. Kill or cover any existing grass within the bed area and add 6 to 8 inches of amended soil. Amended soil includes 25% garden soil and 75% organic matter such as a mixture of peat, humus and compost. Little fertilizer should be needed if the

For patio gardening, use pots or other containers to grow vegetables. These containers should be filled with potting soil, not garden soil. Use containers large enough to provide soil for good plant root growth. Plants in containers will need occasional fertilizer. Consult the fertilizer label for specific instructions. Larger pots will need less frequent watering than small pots, although container vegetables may need water once a day in the heat of summer. Make sure there are drainage holes to allow excess water to escape the pot. A five-gallon bucket is the perfect size for a tomato, while a 10-inch pot will hold a hot pepper plant.

The Gardening in Small Spaces publication includes information on plant spacing for beds and containers. Gardening in Small Spaces is available at <http://www2.ca.uky.edu/agcomm/pubs/ID/ID248/ID248.pdf>. A companion publication, ID-128: Home Vegetable Gardening in Kentucky, provides information on planting dates and care instructions for most vegetables. Home Vegetable Gardening in Kentucky is at <http://www2.ca.uky.edu/agcomm/pubs/id/id128/id128.pdf>. Contact me at the Estill County Cooperative Extension Service at 723-4557 for a copy of either publication or for additional gardening information.

Extension office operations update

Based on guidance from county government, University of Ken-

tucky and local health officials, the Estill County Extension office is closed to the public. Also programs and scheduled meetings at our office will be cancelled through mid-May.

We are still accessible to you during regular office hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays. We have placed a filing cabinet in the front of our office for a convenient drop box, which can be used after hours too. If you have a soil sample, insect ID sample, or plant sample you need to drop off, just place it in the drawer labeled Agriculture. Call us at 723-4557 to give us details on your drop. In addition, we will add some timely publications to the drop box drawers that you are welcome to take.

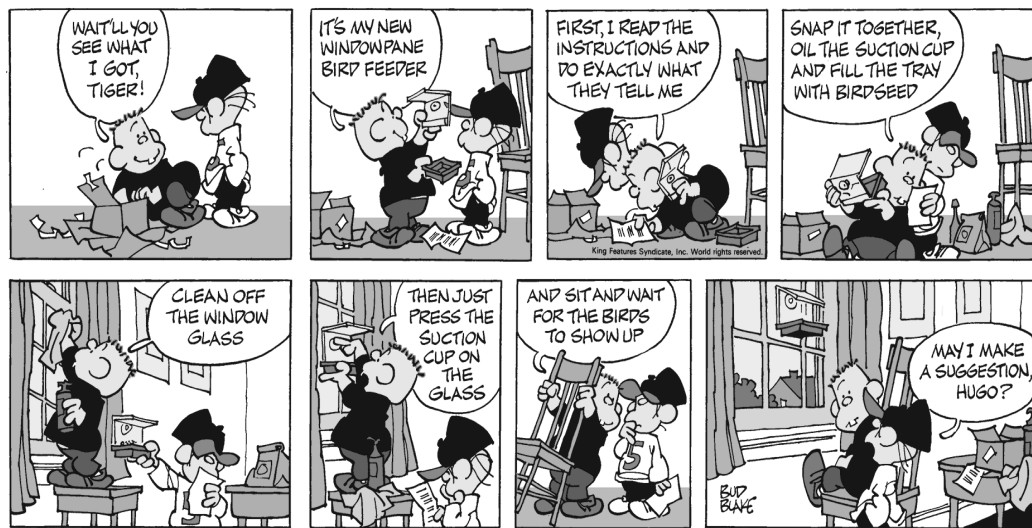
We are working to add more information to our webpage and social media page so the public can access our materials. Our webpage address is <http://estill.ca.uky.edu/> and our Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/EstillCountyKYCooperativeExtension/>. As always, we will take information requests by phone.

This information could change with short notice, so please check our webpage, social media page, or call our office for details. We appreciate your patience and understanding. Our number one priority is the safety of our clientele and staff. Practice social distancing and good hand washing skills!

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ESTILL COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE CLOSING TO PUBLIC ACCESS

The Estill County Clerk's office will close to the public beginning Thursday, March 19th 2020 and will remain closed until further notice!! Core staff will continue to work in processing mail, online transactions, and to prepare for the upcoming primary election that now has been pushed back to June 23rd 2020.

During this time of uncertainty, the decision to close the office hasn't come lightly. We know that this decision is going to make things an inconvenience for a lot of people, but we will assist the public in any way that we can to make this transition as easy as possible. The staff and I believe that we must make sacrifices to help our community stay strong and healthy. At this point, social distancing is the best way to keep this virus from spreading to each other and especially to those who are exceptionally vulnerable. The following are some changes that will take place:

Automobile Registration and Titling

The public has two options for renewal of their vehicle registration. First, is online renewal and is available for most vehicles at drive.ky.gov. Second, registration renewals may be mailed to:

ESTILL COUNTY CLERK
PO BOX 59
IRVINE KY 40336

Mail-in renewals should include the prior year registration, proof of insurance, and PAYMENT. Online renewal instructions are included at the website listed above. If you have your card that you receive in the mail, it has instructions as well on how to mail in your payment. There is an \$2 additional postage fee.

Also, we have a DROP SLOT in one of our doors here at the Clerk's office. Put all the above-mentioned items in the drop box. Your registration will be processed and MAILED back to you. **PLEASE BE SURE TO HAVE A CONTACT PHONE NUMBER AND CORRECT MAILING ADDRESS ON YOUR PAPERWORK AND ADD AN ADDITIONAL \$2 FEE FOR POSTAGE. PLEASE USE THE CORRECT CHANGE FOR CASH PAYMENT. NO DEBIT CARDS CAN BE TAKEN AT THIS TIME. WE DO ACCEPT CHECKS AND MONEY ORDERS MADE PAYABLE TO ESTILL COUNTY CLERK.**

Vehicle transfers will be suspended until further notice. Individuals that have purchased a vehicle from out of state will need to retain their documents until we can reopen. Individuals selling a Kentucky-titled vehicle to another person will also have to wait until we reopen to complete the transaction.

Title Lien Statements will be processed through mail only. If you have all of your information for a Title Lien Statement along with payment, you can put them in the DOOR SLOT.

Elections and Voter Registration

The election staff will continue to prepare for the June 23rd Primary election.

Voters may continue to register to vote or update their addresses by submitting a new registration form online at www.govoteky.com until 4:00 p.m. on MAY 26th. Registrations by mail must be postmarked by May 26th.

Voters that qualify for absentee voting can call the office and request it.

Documents, Deeds, Mortgages

All documents that need to be recorded will be received either by mail or by dropping off at the courthouse and put through the SLOT in the door. The documents will be recorded as usual and MAILED BACK to the customer.

Copies of records, that are not available on the site, can be mailed or faxed to the customer. There is a fee for faxing and for copies. Faxing documents are \$2.00 for the first sheet and \$1 thereafter. An invoice will be faxed along with the documents. The fee for mailing copies is .50 cents per sheet. An invoice will be sent along with the documents. Records going back to 1991 are available to view on the Software Management Website ECCLIX. Software Management has allowed free access to records. See previous post on our Facebook page for instructions on how to view documents. The post on Facebook is an example of how to get into the system. Be sure to use the name EstillPublic1/Public001 etc. for User Names/Passwords.

We will be back scanning as time permits to get more documents sent to live so you will be able to view them.

Viewable documents for now are the following:

- Deeds back to Deed Book 195 - Year 1991
- Mortgages back to Mortgage Book A4 - Year 1988
- Wills back to Will Book V - Year 2008
- Encumbrances back to Enc Book 14 - Year 2006

If there is a document that you cannot see or have a question about, we will assist you to the best of our ability. There may be times when we will be limited. Busy with calls, doing "daily" work, processing documents, etc.

Delinquent Property Taxes

Delinquent Property Taxes can be mailed in to the office at the above address. Amounts for the taxes can be viewed on the website mentioned above.

Notary Licenses

Notary License applications are suspended until further notice.

Marriage Licenses

Marriage Licenses will only be done by APPOINTMENT ONLY. Call 606-723-5158.

Hunting/Fishing License

You may apply for a HUNTING/FISHING LICENSE on the KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE. Go to <https://fw.ky.gov>.

IF YOU SHOULD HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO CONTACT OUR OFFICE @ 606-723-5156 OR 606-723-5158

Please remember to take care of yourselves and please be considerate of others.

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