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## Getting Ready for Fall Gardening

Now that we are in the Dawg days of summer, your spring garden is probably starting to wind down. August is the time to start preparing for your fall garden whether you will be planting vegetables or just putting in a cover crop to help build the soil for next spring. Snap beans, Irish potatoes, squash and cucumbers are best planted in August as well as starting seedlings to plant in September.

Here are some things you can do to get ready for your fall planting.

- Get a soil test done- Even if you did one in the spring, you will still want to do another one for the fall as the spring garden plants will have removed some soil nutrients
- Decide what you want to plant - how much space will you need? Can it be direct seeded or will it be transplanted? How much do you want to grow?
- Clean your tools and check your equipment - clean tools help prevent spread of diseases. Making sure your equipment is working correctly will save some frustration later.





## Compost

Considering compost for your yard or garden? Here are a few things to keep in mind:

- Getting compost from a certified source is the **ONLY** way to guarantee it is free of undesirable materials or chemicals.
- Starting your own compost is fairly simple.
- Compost is a great way to improve the soil and add organic matter.
- Composting helps keep biodegradable waste out of the landfills.

DeKalb County Sanitation offers free compost, however(!) it is not certified so its contents cannot be guaranteed. More information about county compost can be found at <https://www.dekalbcountyga.gov/sanitation/mulch-and-compost>



## Summer Water Wise

As summer heats up, Georgians tend to worry about how hot and dry it's going to be. It is easy to get busy with summer activities and forget to water or even overwater our plants because we want to be sure they will survive the heat. On average, plants need an inch of water per week for growth and development. For more information about proper watering in the summer heat, visit <https://newswire.caes.uga.edu/story/10242/summer-irrigation.html>.



The National Center for Home Food Preservation and UGA Extension acknowledges the concerns raised by consumers regarding the use of 4% vinegar acidity for canning. If you have utilized vinegar in your home canning practices, please review the following important points.


More information on home food preservation can be found at [nchfp.uga.edu](http://nchfp.uga.edu)




### EVALUATING *canned food* PRODUCTS


Ensuring the safety of your home-canned products is of utmost importance. Following tested and approved recipes, including the use of recommended vinegar acidity, is crucial for maintaining the safety and integrity of your preserved foods.

### RECIPE RECOMMENDATIONS



It is crucial to note that all our recipes, including those from the National Center for Home Food Preservation (NCHFP) and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), were extensively tested and recommended the use of vinegar with 5% acidity. Currently, we strongly advise against using vinegar with lower acidity levels (<5%), as it may not be sufficiently strong to ensure the safety of the canned products. Always remember to check the vinegar label for its acidity level.

### RECIPE RECOMMENDATIONS



If your canned food has been preserved for **less than 24 hours** using 4% vinegar, it is advisable to store the jars in the refrigerator to maintain the safety and quality of the product.

If your canned food has been preserved for **more than 24 hours** using 4% vinegar, it is advisable to discard the product.



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\*Offer good while supplies last.

For more information, visit [www.freshondek.com](http://www.freshondek.com) or call (404) 298-4080.



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## Fresh on DeK: DeKalb Mobile Farmers Market 2023 Schedule

### JULY 17-SEPT. 8

#### Tuesday

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. EMBARC Community Youth Farm  
1185 Rock Chapel Rd.  
Lithonia, Ga. 30058

12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Norris Lake Community Benefits Corp.  
8320 Norris Lake Rd.  
Snellville, Ga. 30039

#### Wednesday

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. South DeKalb Senior Center  
1931 Candler Rd.  
Decatur, Ga. 30032

12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Stone Mill Elementary School  
4900 Sheila Ln.  
Stone Mountain, Ga. 30083

#### Thursday

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Redan Recreation Center  
1839 Phillips Rd.  
Lithonia, Ga. 30058

12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. The CREST Center  
2321 Candler Rd.  
Decatur, Ga. 30032

#### Friday

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Starnes Senior Community  
3543 Clarkston Industrial Blvd.  
Clarkston, Ga. 30021

12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. DeKalb County Extension  
4380 Memorial Dr.  
Decatur, Ga. 30032



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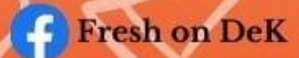
# Fresh on DeK

## Healthy Living Class Schedule Session B

12-1 pm on Zoom and Facebook Live  
[bit.ly/FODHealthyLiving2023B](https://bit.ly/FODHealthyLiving2023B)

During this class, you will receive the Fresh on DeK word of the week promo code, which can be redeemed at any Fresh on DeK location for \$10 off your purchase. Limit 1 use per week, per household. Promo code will change each Monday and is only valid for the week following the class.

<b>July 17th</b>	What is Healthy Eating?
<b>July 24th</b>	Sneaking in More Fruits and Vegetables
<b>July 31st</b>	Mindfulness
<b>August 7th</b>	Jump Starting Your Physical Activity
<b>August 14th</b>	In the Kitchen with Kids
<b>August 21st</b>	Eating Better on a Budget
<b>August 28th</b>	Nutritional Labels and Healthy Swaps
<b>September 4th</b>	Trends in 2023 * <small>*Pre-recorded to Fresh on DeK Facebook Page</small>

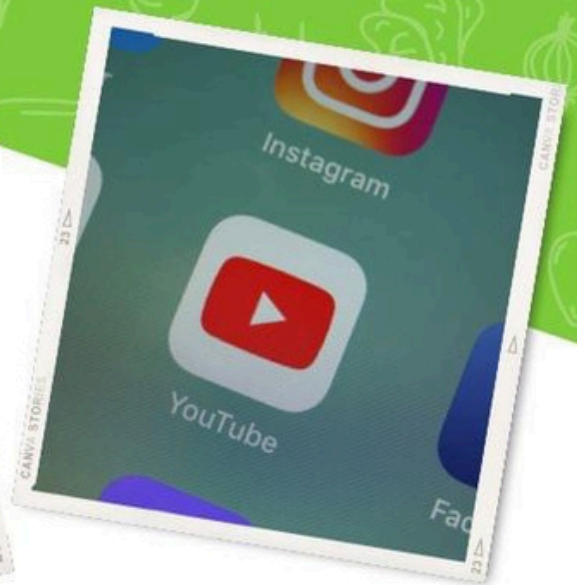
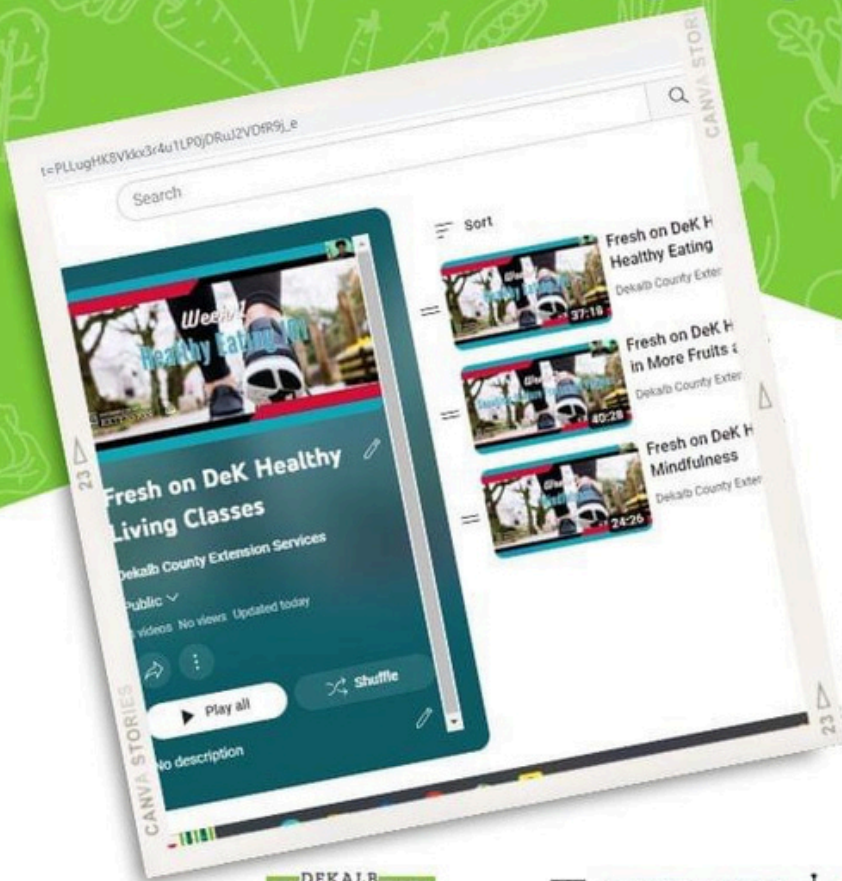




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## DeKalb County Extension Services

### Fresh on DeK Healthy Living Classes Playlist



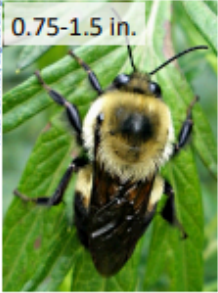


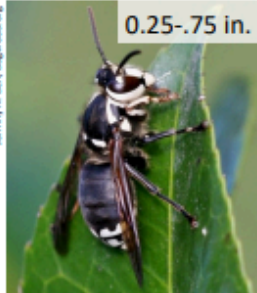





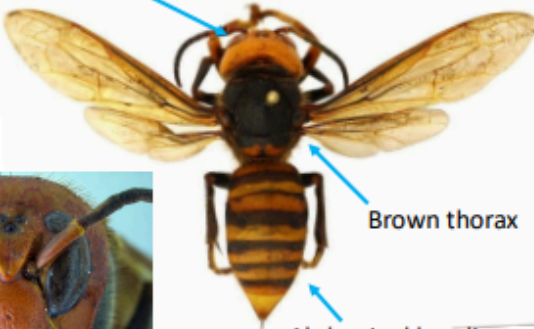


# The Asian Giant Hornet has **only** been found in Washington State in the US, but here are some things that look similar



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## Asian Giant Hornet and its SE US Lookalikes

 <p>0.75-1.5 in.</p> <p><b>Bumble Bees</b> <i>Bombus spp.</i></p> <p style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px;">Wrong color thorax</p>	 <p>0.5 in.</p> <p><b>Honey Bee</b> <i>Apis mellifera</i></p> <p style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px;">Wrong color thorax</p>	 <p>0.8-1 in.</p> <p><b>Black &amp; Yellow Mud Dauber</b> <i>Sceliphron caementarium</i></p> <p style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px;">Constricted abdomen</p>	 <p>0.25-0.75 in.</p> <p><b>Bald-faced Hornet</b> <i>Dolichovespula maculata</i></p> <p style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px;">Abdomen not striped</p>	
 <p>0.5-.7 in.</p> <p><b>Queen</b> <b>Southern Yellowjacket</b> <i>Vespula squamosa</i></p> <p style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px;">Wrong color thorax</p>	 <p>0.6-2 in.</p> <p><b>Eastern Cicada Killer</b> <i>Sphecius speciosus</i></p> <p style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px;">Abdomen not fully striped</p>	 <p>0.5-1 in.</p> <p><b>Paper Wasps</b> <i>Polistes spp.</i></p> <p style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px;">Thorax not fully brown</p>		
 <p>1-1.4 in.</p> <p><b>European Hornet</b> <i>Vespa crabro</i></p> <p style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px;">Thorax not fully brown</p>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 30%;"> <p><b>Asian giant hornet</b> <i>Vespa mandarinia</i></p> <p>Antenna base yellow/orange</p>  <p>Large yellow/orange head</p> </div> <div style="width: 40%; text-align: center;">  <p>Enlarged head</p> <p>1.5-2 in. long</p> <p>Brown thorax</p> <p>Abdominal banding yellow and brown</p> </div> </div>			

WA State Dept of Ag, Bugwood.org  
May 2020



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# Community Events

## E.M.B.A.R.C. Youth Farm Events

Aug 8 @8am- Get ready to roll up your sleeves and volunteer in the garden! We will work in the newly planted orchard, adding soil to the garden beds and more. We welcome individuals and groups of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities.

Wear closed-toe shoes and old clothes that you do not mind getting dirty

Aug 19 @ 10am - Join us as we celebrate the FIRST-ever Great Southeast Pollinator Census! The Great Southeast Pollinator Census is a citizen science project created by the University of Georgia. Residents across Georgia, South Carolina, and North Carolina will count all the pollinators they can find in their environment. Attend our event. It is a beautiful opportunity to learn more about the different types of pollinators in our environment.





## Upcoming Events

August 18-19

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# Pollinator Census

[Click for more information on how to participate!](#)

The Intown Atlanta chapter of the Georgia Native Plant Society will be hosting Census takers during the Great Southeast Pollinator Census, an annual event conducted by UGA. Volunteers at Woodlands Garden, Herbert Taylor and Daniel Johnson Park, Mason Mill Park and the Tucker Butterfly Garden will be handing out census forms, helping to identify native plants and will do the data entry to the UGA website when completed forms are turned in. 10 AM to noon on Saturday August 19th.



## Tips on asking for advice from your Extension Service

Take pictures – clear pictures of the whole plant, the affected leaves (top and bottom), stems, fruit, and of any bugs or eggs you see

Have information ready – When was it planted? How long has the problem been present? Have you tried any kind of treatment already? Are other plants having the same issues?

Bring in a sample – We are happy to try and diagnose problems in our office (Free). However, for some problems, samples are sent to the UGA Plant Pathology Lab (\$14)

Samples should be in an enclosed bag or container and include leaves, stems, roots, flowers/fruit, and any insects that were found on it.

Email us at [UGE1089@uga.edu](mailto:UGE1089@uga.edu)

Call us at 404-298-4080

or

Fill out the help request form