

West Virginia State University Extension Service offers small fruits workshop

Growing techniques and tips for producing your best small fruits

- WHO:** WV State University Extension Service
- WHAT:** Small fruit workshop, \$10 registration fee
- WHEN:** Thursday, February 19, 2009 from 9:30am until noon
- WHERE:** Putnam County Library (off of Teays Valley exit near shopping center)

The workshop will teach participants the basic growing techniques for small fruit production. The class will cover fruit production for strawberries, blueberries, blackberries, raspberries, and grapes. Topics discussed in the workshop will include where to plant small fruits, how to maximize production, care of your small garden, and how to harvest and use your fruits. There will be advance ordering of plant materials at the event.

“Now is the perfect time to think about growing your own fruits at home. Knowing where the produce is being grown is the ideal scenario, and from your backyard is as local as you can desire,” says Scott Byars, Program Leader for Agriculture and Natural Resources. “We want to share our expertise with individuals to develop the skills necessary to grow their own fruits.”

The workshop requires a \$10 registration fee (cash or check). Door prizes and giveaways will be distributed throughout the workshop. Registration for the workshop is requested before Tuesday, February 17, by contacting Melissa Stewart at (304) 532-1670 or email at williaml@wvstateu.edu. In case of inclement weather conditions, an alternate date will be determined. Each participant will then be notified of the make-up date.

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