

High Altitude Gardening Class

Please join CSU Extension's Colorado Master Gardeners (CMG) on April 21st from 8:30 – 3:30 at the Woodland Park library to learn about growing produce and flowers/herbs in Teller County. For those gardeners out there who will attempt to grow anything in our substandard mountain soils, cool nights, short growing season, and the barrage of wildlife; perhaps you might be interested in joining our Colorado State University Master Gardener Team! For the rest of you, who are not so sure how to tackle these issues, we hope to provide you answers through our high altitude gardening classes. We provide research-based information in a non-biased environment—we don't have anything to sell!

Class Description

The CMGs of Teller County will start the day by discussing water rights in Colorado as well as capturing rainwater from roofs. From there we will move to what actually grows here with photos of yards and plants found in the county. The morning session will wrap up with a discussion of soils, amendments, composting, and how/why you might want to consider using raised beds and season extending options for vegetable gardening.



Lunch will be on your own but we suggest bringing your lunch (there is a refrigerator) and joining us for a lively question and answer session.

The afternoon session will start with a discussion on seed starting techniques and what can and cannot be easily started by seed and transplanted as well as timing. The program will wrap up with a discussion on pruning and mistletoe management.

Class Details

The class will be held in the lower level of the Woodland Park library from 8:30 – 3:30. We will provide light refreshments, coffee, and other drinks for the morning session. You will receive CSU Extension Fact Sheets on the various topics and a month-by-month gardening list for Teller County that should help you successfully garden. We will also have a drawing for door prizes.

The cost of the class is \$15 per person or \$20 per couple. Payment is required with registration. Registration information can be found on our website: www.extension.colostate.edu/teller in the far right column under "Upcoming Events." If you do not have internet access, please contact Mark J. Platten, CSU Extension Director for Teller County, for a registration form. His number is 686-7961. Registration is limited to the first 50 applications received so please get yours in early. We will be hosting another class on May 12 at the same time and location with the primary focus on trees and landscaping plants. Any additional questions regarding the classes can be answered by Marie Bartol at 687-1290.

If you require special accommodations, please contact us at least 5 business days in advance so we can make sure to provide for your needs.

For questions regarding produce, landscape, and horticulture questions; please call our growline at 686-7980, visit our website www.extension.colostate.edu/teller, send us an email mg@co.teller.co.us, or visit our booth at the Woodland Park farmers' market this summer.