

NOFA-NJ EVENTS

# Organic Gardening Course

Co-Sponsored by the Greater Newark Conservancy

Saturday, April 5th, 2025 — 9am–3pm • Newark, NJ



**W**hether you are a gardening newbie or a veteran, NOFA-NJ's Organic Gardening Course for Food Production will provide you with time-tested information as well as opportunities to discuss specific questions about your garden. Learn how to improve your soil and how to plan, prepare and plant your own plot. Where there are gardens, there are weeds, diseases, pests and hungry critters and you will discover methods to manage these challenges. Instructor, Al Johnson has farmed or gardened organically for over 50 years.

## WHAT WE WILL COVER

### Site Considerations and Water

#### Planting:

- Crops & Planting Schedules
- Direct Seeding or Using Transplants
- Rotating Your Crops

#### Soil Fertility:

- Making and Using Compost
- Do I Need a Soil Test?
- Using Manures, Lime & Other Soil Additives
- Using Mulches in Season & Out
- Cover Crops — What Are They? / How Do I Obtain Seeds? / Planting / Incorporation & Bed Preparation

### Pest Control:

- Insects—Common Pests/Physical & Cultural Controls/Natural Predators/Biological Controls/ Trap Crops/Some Useful Products
- Disease: Common Problems/ Physical and Cultural Controls
- Weed Management: Types & Common Ones / Physical & Cultural Controls
- Keeping Critters Out

### Extending the Garden Into The Fall:

#### Small Fruit Primer

**Location:** Greater Newark Conservancy, 32 Prince St., Newark, NJ

**Please register on:** NOFA-NJ Website ([www.nofanj.org](http://www.nofanj.org)), Questions? call 908-371-1111

NOFA-NJ Members and Newark Residents—\$20.00,

General Public—\$30.00

**Lunch & refreshments will be provided**