



Did You Know....

UNH Cooperative Extension:

- Provides New Hampshire residents with research-based education and information, enhancing their ability to make informed decisions that strengthen youth, families and communities, sustain natural resources and improve the economy.
- Is a partnership of public, private and community resources focused on New Hampshire's natural resources, families, communities and youth.
- Involves 140 County Advisory Council members who help identify local needs and priorities.
- Provides statewide and local educational delivery systems providing direct access for people throughout New Hampshire.
- Multiplies its educational efforts with more than 4,000 trained and dedicated volunteers.

Agricultural Resources:



- Provides information on “practical solutions to everyday questions” through a toll-free Info-Line, staffed by professionals and volunteers handling over 10,000 calls a year on everything from the ABC's of raising children, household food safety and food preservation, water quality, family finances, gardens, lawns and landscapes, to child development and more.
- Trains Master Gardeners each year who serve as volunteer educators in their communities and conduct a variety of community garden projects.
- Applies research, conducted at UNH and on farms throughout the state, to develop “Best Management Practices” that help New Hampshire farmers maintain profitability and protect the environment.
- Encourages expanded production and marketing of locally grown farm products and entrepreneurial efforts by working with state and local government officials, and improving the public's understanding of New Hampshire agriculture and its role in the state's economy.
- Reduces pesticide use through an Integrated Pest Management Program, teaching a holistic approach to pest problems, rather than relying on a single pest reduction method.
- Teaches New Hampshire residents how to use environmentally friendly solutions to yard and garden problems, resulting in healthier, valued-enhanced living environments.
- Helps homeowners and commercial producers identify and manage plant problems to grow healthy plants.

Communities:



- Strengthens communities through a Community Profile process, involving local citizens in identifying community issues and creating strategies for working together to address them.
- Partners with communities to identify and address critical youth issues through the 4-H Youth Development program, which enhances the development of partnerships and coalitions.
- Helps communities build capacity to address high priority issues, using UNH resources, public deliberation, and group process expertise.
- Assists communities with research-based information on forestry, wildlife, land-use planning, estate planning, natural resource inventories, and land conservation.



Family & Consumer Resources

- Conducts parenting education programs throughout the state to teach effective parenting techniques, how family structure impacts parenting, and the availability of state and local resources.
- Teaches financial management skills that help individuals increase savings and reduce debt, make the transition from welfare to work, gain confidence in financial decision-making, and obtain accurate information regarding Medicare insurance benefits.
- Reaches at-risk families through the Nutrition Connections program to help stretch food dollars, practice food safety, and improve the health of pregnant and parenting teens, young families, the elderly, and children.
- Provides food managers and consumers with research-based information about food safety to reduce foodborne illnesses.
- Provides professional development training to child care providers in family and group day care settings to enhance the quality of child care.



4-H Youth Development:

- Delivers positive youth development programs to 28,400 youth through organized 4-H clubs, after-school programs, community youth efforts, 4-H camp, school enrichment, and short-term special interest programs.
- Uses an extensive network of more than 2,200 volunteers to deliver educational programming to NH youth.
- Provides positive youth experiences through life skills and subject matter for all youth to develop their individual potential as caring and contributing members of an ever-changing world.
- Helps communities explore teen concerns, attitudes and behaviors, both positive and problematic to increase community awareness and knowledge of teen issues, help them collaborate and address the needs of teens.
- Conducts specialized educational programs for children, youth and families at risk, using evidence-based programs.
- Delivers educational programs in positive youth development to adults working with youth through schools, childcare centers and youth organizations.

Forestry and Wildlife:



- Provides educational opportunities for New Hampshire residents and communities to learn about forestry and wildlife habitat through site visits, publications, workshops, and seminars.
- Works with landowners to identify objectives for long-term land stewardship, improving their ability to make wise land use decisions.
- Trains volunteers to promote wildlife habitat conservation and forest stewardship with their neighbors and in their communities.
- Provides communities with research-based information and assistance on forestry, wildlife, land use planning, estate planning, natural resource inventories, and land conservation.

Sea Grant, Water and Marine Resources:



- Educates New Hampshire's residents on conservation and wise use of water and marine resources.
- Trains volunteer Marine Docents and Great Bay Coast Watch monitors to take action to help solve problems involving coastal resources.
- Helps aquaculturists make sound decisions that result in profitable operations.
- Offers coastal residents usable information to help prevent or reduce water pollution.
- Provides communities with training in Geographic Information Systems technology, allowing them to better manage and protect natural resources.
- Monitors more than 300 lake sites and 370 tributary sites for over 120 lake watersheds, using over 500 active volunteers in a "neighbor-to-neighbor" approach through the NH Lakes Lay Monitoring Program, promoting watershed protection and educating volunteer participants.

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