

EAST MOUNTAIN SEED AND GARDEN CO-OP

“While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease.” Genesis 8:22



Moriarty, NM -Photo by [Jensine Odom](#)

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UPCOMING MEETING

Sunday, May 3 @ 3pm

**East Mountain Vineyard
Church 1 Eunice Ct,
Edgewood**

On the Agenda:

- Soil pH and Amendments
- Garden Irrigation
- Hail and Sun Protection
- Garden Pests

May 3rd Special Guest Speaker

Dr. Ben Platt

Soil pH and Amendments

- How to Test Garden Soil pH
- How to Adjust Garden Soil pH
- How to Test Garden Water
- How to Adjust Garden Water



Soil pH is important to your gardens health because it affects the availability of nutrients for plant uptake. They may become more available for plant uptake or less available depending on soil pH.

You can determine your soil's pH using several methods ranging from quick home hacks to professional lab analysis.

pH levels of the water used for your plants is another important piece of the gardening puzzle. Most plants prefer a slightly acidic environment and there are several methods for making changes to your water pH.

Amendments for your soil and water vary in complexity and cost, but some options may be found in your kitchen cabinets. This presentation will cover some of the options available to you.

MAY 3RD PRESENTATION TOPICS

Irrigation for Your Garden

Low Pressure (Gravity flow to 20 psi)

- Ditches/rows
- Regulate flow with valves
- Low pressure soak hose

High Pressure (30 to 50 psi)

- Sprinklers
- HP soaker hoses
- Low volume emitters

Timers

- Single zone...battery type
- Multi zone low voltage/120V
- Remote valves for each zone

Visual hands-on examples

Hail and Sun Protection

Protection from the harsh environment in New Mexico can make the difference in whether your garden survives to harvest or not. In the East Mountains, we see plenty of sun, wind and we can usually count on at least one good (or is it bad?) hailstorm.

Learn what gardeners can do to protect our garden plants from sun, wind and hail during the vital parts of the growing season. We will explore a number of cost effective solutions for the DIY'er, which is just about all of us!

Garden Pests

Aphids, slugs, beetles OH MY! Garden pests are a frustrating and ever present part of the gardening experience. We'll discuss common pests and various options to protect your harvest (and your sanity!).

Summer Morning in the Garden

By Jessica Sowards

summer morning in the garden,
dew clings to my toes and
coolness lingers in the air
and I am reminded of a cold
oven, not yet heated.
here is the most alive place I
have ever been, the place of my great joy
and my great discomfort.
the earth pulls so hard
I want to lie down on her,
close my eyes beneath a canopy
of green and be swallowed
by the garden
on this summer morning.

FUTURE WORKSHOPS

- Hoop houses/cold frames
- Fall gardening
- Seed saving - tomato
- Gardening for seniors



Have a great workshop idea?!
Tell us at a meeting or send an email to:
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REMINDERS

Last Frost Date (Moriarty/Edgewood)
May 21