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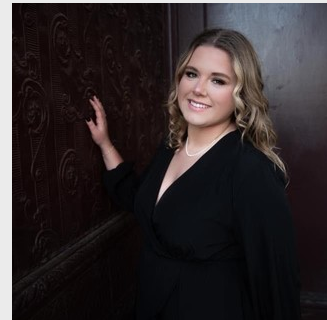
Woodland Owners Classes

Marathon County has a total of 469,702 forested acres, which accounts for 47% of the land cover. In the state, 57% of the forested lands are owned and managed by family forest owners. In Marathon County, that comes down to over 3,000 landowners making decisions about their woodland. And we know the importance of forest products in this state. Very few landowners have worked with a forester, and fewer yet have a management plan for this important and valuable resource.

To help landowners understand the value of their resource and working with a professional, Extension provides classes for woodland owners across the state. This October, classes will be held in Marathon Co. The three classes offered in this series include: conducting a timber sale, managing for wildlife habitat, and family conversations about the future of the woodlands. Classes will be offered both in-person and virtually. For more information on the classes and to register: <https://woodlandinfo.org/current-events/>

New FoodWise Educator

Welcome to our new FoodWise Nutrition Educator Julia Perock. Julia is serving as the FoodWise Nutrition Educator in Marathon County. She will focus on school education programs, as well as work with families to provide nutrition education. She looks forward to partnering with food pantries to provide nutritional support within the community. She graduated from The University of Wisconsin Stevens Point in December 2022, with a BA in Sustainable Food and Nutrition. Julia is excited to step into this role and provide education about healthy food choices as well as encourage community members to adopt a healthy lifestyle.



Pop-up Pantry

FoodWise, as leadership in the Marathon County Hunger Coalition, attended the pop-up pantry held near the East Towne neighborhood and provided residents with fresh produce that was gleaned from the farmers market or purchased from local farms. Fresh fruits were also purchased by the coalition, and eggs were donated by The Neighbors' Place, so residents were able to choose from many grocery staples free of charge. FoodWise plans to provide food samples, nutrition education and recipes at the next pop-up pantry.



Wisconsin Horticulture Programs

Join us for the next set of FREE online programs to learn about Digging Deeper! These engaging and free online programs are 20 minutes each, followed by Q&A. Registration is required for each program.... attend only one or all three! This series is open to the public. All programs in this series will be recorded.

Go to <https://bit.ly/3VWHZ7e> to find out more and to register!

Growing Garlic in Wisconsin

Date/Time: August 30, 12:00 p.m.

Description: Whether you are a garden enthusiast, a foodie, or both, garlic is well known around the world! Join us to learn techniques for growing garlic from planting to storage.

Presented by: Darrin Kimbler, former Agriculture Educator for UW-Madison Extension Iron County and Garlic Farmer, Michigan

From Scraps to Soil: Composting Basics

Date/Time: September 6, 12:00 p.m.

Description: Have you ever wondered about making your compost? In this overview of composting basics, find out the do's, the don'ts, and what happens to compost over winter so you can successfully recycle your lawn, garden and food waste.

Presented by: Julie Hill, Horticulture Outreach Specialist, UW-Madison Extension Walworth, Rock and Jefferson Counties

Soil Testing – Why, When, and How

Date/Time: September 13, 12:00 p.m.

Description: Don't guess about adding fertilizer or lime to your lawn or garden. Test your soil! Join us to learn when and how to test your soil, where to send it for testing, and what a soil test will tell you.

To register for any of these webinars, go to <https://bit.ly/3VWHZ7e>

This webinar series is hosted by UW-Madison, Division of Extension, Horticulture. For upcoming events and learning opportunities go to: <https://hort.extension.wisc.edu/events/>



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For more information and to register,
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Sowing Success!

Registration is now open for Sowing Success! Evidence-based gardening essentials.

Are you interested in learning more about gardening? [Register now!](#)

Learn about growing plants in a way that helps you plan for gardening success, prevent plant problems before they start, and manage issues when they happen. You'll leave the course with a combination of practical gardening skills to try plus the knowledge of why they work. You'll work the assigned readings and video lectures hosted on Youtube prior to the weekly sessions. At the in person meetings, you'll have an opportunity to work through hands-on activities designed to

reinforce the concepts introduced in the course materials.

You'll learn about:

- General Gardening Practices
- Integrated Pest Management
- Soils
- Botany
- Insects
- Plant Diseases
- Wildlife
- Weeds
- Herbaceous & Woody Ornamentals
- Fruits
- Vegetables
- Lawns

Sowing success! Evidence-based gardening essentials is open to everyone! This course is considered an approved learning opportunity for the Wisconsin Extension Master Gardener Program in preparation to become a Wisconsin Extension Master Gardener. Visit the [Wisconsin Master Gardener Website](#) for more information.

Cost: \$125

When: Monday evenings, 5:30-8pm Sept 11-Nov 27

Ready to learn more? <https://marathon.extension.wisc.edu/horticulture/marathon-county-master-gardener-program/marathon-county-master-gardener-horticulture-education/>

Sowing Success EVIDENCE-BASED GARDENING ESSENTIALS

12 Sessions | 5:30-8pm

Sept. 11, 18, 25
Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27

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REGISTER NOW!
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Marathon County 4-H News

It's summer and we are on the go! Check out the website for upcoming 4-H activities!

Want to participate in upcoming 4-H programs like the 4-H Foodie, camps, travel experiences, projects, and more? Stay tuned to our [Facebook page](#), [bi-weekly newsletters](#), and the [Marathon County 4-H website](#) for more information. Or, contact our office at 715-261-1230.

DID YOU KNOW?

Extension-Marathon County colleagues submit a monthly report to the Extension, Education and Economic Development Committee regarding their efforts? You can access those reports via the [committee meeting archives](#).

Upcoming Extension Programs

Below are some upcoming programs that Extension-Marathon County colleagues are helping to lead. Feel free to join the conversations or send to others that may be interested.

- **Horticulture Programming** - Check out our website for upcoming programs. <https://marathon.extension.wisc.edu/horticulture/programs/>
- **4-H Programming** - Check out our website for the upcoming programs. <https://marathon.extension.wisc.edu/projects/programs/>

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