

Cooperative Extension in Alameda County is the University in the community linking the research, information, and resources from the campus to the public.

Benefits to California

Building Sustainable Food Sources

Cooperative Extension has been the driving force connecting food from the farms to the community working with public health departments, local agencies, policy makers, community agencies, and public in general.

Developing Preventive Insect Control Practices

A cadre of agriculture researchers contributes knowledge about plant management and care practices to prevent plant diseases.

Reducing Pesticide Use

Promote effective environmentally safe practices to control pests using scientifically tested treatments.

Engaging Volunteer in Promoting Native California Plants

Beautifying our environment with low maintenance California Native Plants is the Alameda County Master Gardener Motto. Volunteers devote thousands of hours to educate the public.

Promoting Food Gardening Practices

From early childhood to adults, UC promotes edible gardens, through lectures, demonstration gardens, field trips, fairs, and schools.



Supporting Sustainable Agriculture Practices

Leaders conducting research that leads to healthier agriculture practices in urban communities. Our research has helped improve air pollution, water conservation, and energy sources.

Connecting Food and Agriculture

Working in collaboration with UC scientists and advisors, we support small farmers to improve fruits and vegetable production and direct marketing.

Greening the School Cafeterias

Researcher and local advisors work with schools and WIC agencies to improve the quality and diversity of fruits and vegetables for low-income residents.



Teaching Food Safety and Sanitation

Prevent food borne diseases and illness teaching families and public in general how to prepare, safe, and handle food.

Shaping Children Eating Practices

Promote health and wellness reaching youth from pre-school to high school using age-appropriate, cultural relevant delivery methods.

Promoting Youth Development

Create competent and capable future leaders through the 4-H youth development program.

The program teaches citizenship, leadership and life skills development making California communities better with community service activities.

How Are the Public Benefiting?

UC *Alameda County and Bay Area counties benefit from UCCE efforts to improve*
CE *health and wellness, preserve natural resources, promote sustainable agricultural*
practices, and prepare capable and competent future leaders.

Low Maintenance Turf (Lawn)

Research conducted by local advisor in Alameda County discovered new ways to improve turf grasses with low-input and low-maintenance for a variety of uses.

Lead Contamination Soils and Gardening

Urban home and community gardeners benefited from vital information concerning soil lead published by UC local advisor and researcher from UC Davis.

Helping Feed the Hunger

Two Alameda County Master Gardeners are working with a local church in Livermore to transform a vacant lot into a bounty of fresh produce that a neighboring food kitchen serves to the needy.



Demonstration Gardens

Promoting sustainable food and landscape practices, Master Gardener volunteers are offering hands-on learning demonstration gardens in Oakland and Livermore.

Shaping Early Childhood—Children Health and Wellness

Children as young as 3 year old are learning about where food comes from, how to care and maintain edible plants, how to prepare food and eat it, while keeping themselves active. We believe, early childhood is the most appropriate age to learn about health and wellness.



Developing New Ways of Meeting the Needs of Incarcerated Youth

Working in collaboration with Alameda County Agencies UCCE Master Gardener and 4H Youth Development programs are researching new ways to meet the needs of youth from Juvenile Hall.

Increasing Awareness on Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children in Alameda County

Working with various county, community and the media, UCCE has led this work to raise awareness around what is CSEC, how to recognize it, and what resources are available.

Teaching Families to Eat Right and Save Money

Families have to make tough choices during our current economic crisis, the EFNEP and FSNEP programs teach families about how to eat a balanced meal while teaching them money saving tips, and how to prevent food-borne illnesses.



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