

# BACKYARD FARMING CALENDAR 2024

BERNALILLO COUNTY OPEN SPACE

This workshop series, which includes both instruction and demonstrations, is led by people who provide practical information for transforming a backyard into a source of food, medicine and wildlife habitat. Workshops are on Saturday mornings from 10 am - 12 pm throughout the season. For a detailed description of the classes, presenters, and locations, see below.

2 March 2024



Seed-Starting & Nursery Management

**Presented by Rich Adeyemi, Head Farmer at Rio Grande Community Farm**

Planning, starting, and mistakes to avoid to successfully start seed and grow abundant food.

Ag Center at Gutierrez-Hubbell Open Space  
5945 Isleta Blvd. SW  
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16 March 2024



Small-Scale Sheep Keeping

**Presented by The Oveja Project, Katy Lente and Don Bixby**

Come learn about small scale sheep keeping including a history of sheep production, types of sheep and a bit about breeds and how they are used. This workshop includes a discussion about breed characteristics and information about the state veterinarian.

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30 March 2024



Bee a Good Keeper

**Presented by Amy Owen, Desert Hives**

Beekeeping basics and the tools you need to dive deeper and succeed on your beekeeping journey. This program will focus on sustainable and responsible beekeeping practices and will provide attendees with local beekeeping resources and networking opportunities.

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27 April 2024



New Mexico Homemade Food Act

**Presented by Kerianne Gardner, Bernalillo County Health Protection**

Have you thought about making foods at home to sell as a side hustle or primary business idea? Are you curious about what types of foods are okay to make and which are not and where/how you can sell them? Join us for a workshop about what is and what is not allowable under New Mexico's Homemade Food Act, plus a hands-on lesson in food safety to ensure foods are created in a sanitary manner.

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4 May 2024



Home-Composting Basics

**Presented by John Zarola, Bernalillo County Master Composters**

This class will cover the science, art, materials, methods and benefits of home-composting in the high desert.

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11 May 2024



Soil Types & Soil Health Practices

**Presented by Casey Holland, Head Farmer at Chispas Farm**

Join Farmer Casey Holland for a presentation on the foundations of Soil Types and the Five Soil Health Principles. The presentation will be founded in Casey's firsthand experience on running Chispas Farm over the course of 7 years and their cumulative 12 seasons of experience as a farmer in the Middle Rio Grande Valley. Be prepared to take notes and ask lots of practical questions!

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