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## **Mercer Agricultural Agent to Give Talk on Growing Vegetables**

**LAWRENCE, N.J.** —Mercer County Agricultural Agent Meredith Melendez will present a program, “Planning, Planting and Caring for Your Vegetables to Maximize Your Harvest,” on Saturday, April 7 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Tulpehaking Nature Center in Hamilton. This program is sponsored by the Rutgers Master Gardeners of Mercer County, Tulpehaking Nature Center and the Mercer County Park Commission.

The talk will focus on gardening planning and practices to minimize postharvest losses, how to extend shelf-life of vegetables and proper harvesting techniques. Many postharvest diseases are caused by poor planning and growing season problems. Meredith will help you plan the best ways to get “More Veggies with Less Work” this growing season.

Rutgers Master Gardeners of Mercer County is a volunteer educational outreach program of Rutgers Cooperative Extension. Rutgers Master Gardeners participate in many volunteer programs throughout the County, as well as answer home horticulture questions through their Rutgers Master Gardener Helpline, (609) 989-6853, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., March through October. For winter hours call Helpline at 608 989-6853 or visit our website. For more information on our educational programs and events go to [www.mgofmc.org](http://www.mgofmc.org)

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