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The University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) in Los Angeles County develops and implements community-based educational programs that address the critical needs of the county’s diverse and multiethnic population. Staff and volunteers provide and encourage the use of current research-based information in the areas of nutrition, family and consumer science, youth development, urban gardening, commercial horticulture, agriculture, and natural resources. For more information, please go to <http://celosangeles.ucanr.edu>.

4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

4-H is all about making a positive difference in the lives of young Los Angeles County residents. Our program changes lives, encourages achievement and cultivates leadership skills. Young people are engaged in hands-on science, leadership and community service. Whether they are volunteering at a local nonprofit organization or launching rockets in competitions, our diverse group of kids are growing and learning together. In Los Angeles County, the program prioritizes science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) as well as positive youth and workforce development. We deliver these priorities through community clubs, 4-H camp, after-school enrichment, and innovative projects. For more information, please go to



http://celosangeles.ucanr.edu/4H_Youth_Development_Programs.

NUTRITION, FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

UC Cooperative Extension’s Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) is designed to provide community-driven and research-based nutrition education to limited-income adults and children. Our community educators, trained in basic



nutrition and food-related topics by specialists from the University of California, are reaching out to adults in community settings and to youth in classrooms. The goal is to help families make positive behavioral changes and make good nutrition choices for the improvement of total family health. For more information, please go to http://celosangeles.ucanr.edu/Nutrition_Family_and_Consumer_Sciences.

MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM

UCCE’s Master Gardener volunteers expand the University of California’s ability to reach and assist Los



Angeles County residents with non-biased, research-based information. Along with general gardening knowledge, they disseminate information about integrated pest

management, water quality and conservation, composting, sustainable landscaping, adaptive gardening and fire-resistant gardening practices. They are teaching the next generation of residents how to produce the foods that will keep their communities healthy and sustained. For more information, http://celosangeles.ucanr.edu/UC_Master_Gardener_Program/.

SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS

UCCE's Sustainable Food Systems Program offers technical assistance and training for food systems projects, especially those related to urban gardening and farming. Rachel Surls, sustainable food systems advisor, works with local agencies and nonprofit organizations to find creative solutions for communities. For more information, please go to



[http://celosangeles.ucanr.edu/Sustainable Food Systems](http://celosangeles.ucanr.edu/Sustainable_Food_Systems).

ENVIRONMENTAL HORTICULTURE & INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT

UC Cooperative Extension's environmental horticulturists are enthusiastic, hands-on experts in urban landscape trees and shrubs, recreation turf, athletic fields, efficient water-use and integrated pest management. They work with wholesale nursery growers, the landscape industry and agencies involved with the management and use of ornamental plants and turfgrass. They are experts in the valuable "green industry" economy of Los Angeles County.



Our IPM program is a knowledge-based approach to effective management of pest problems while minimizing the negative health and environmental impacts. The program provides non-biased, practical information and training on a broad range of pests. It is a valuable resource for Los Angeles County residents, the pest control industry, housing authorities, public schools, nurseries, parks, commercial growers,

landscapers and other public agencies. For more information, please go to [http://celosangeles.ucanr.edu/Environmental Horticulture](http://celosangeles.ucanr.edu/Environmental_Horticulture).

NATURAL RESOURCES

Los Angeles County is an internationally recognized center for biological diversity and contains a wide variety of ecosystems that include marine and wetland communities, deserts, mountain-top forests, and the more common chaparral, coastal sage and urban habitats. It is also home to about 10 million people and growing. Sabrina Drill (natural resource advisor) plays an important role in the stewardship of Los Angeles County's natural resources. She serves as a technical resource and raises the environmental awareness through her natural resources program. Her information-



dissemination efforts focus on building capacity for local agencies and respond to changes in hydrology and aquatic habitat conditions. For more information, please go to [http://celosangeles.ucanr.edu/Natural Resources](http://celosangeles.ucanr.edu/Natural_Resources).

AGRICULTURE

As the farm advisor for Los Angeles and Ventura counties, Andre Biscaro works with growers and local agencies to identify priority needs for extending information and educational programs to optimize the High Desert's agricultural production and environmental sustainability. He considers these needs against the challenges associated with a growing county population, the issues of the agricultural-urban interface, water-use restrictions and increasing production costs. For more information, please go to <http://celosangeles.ucanr.edu/Agriculture>.

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