

## **COUNTY OF YOLO**

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## **Yolo County Gardeners Invited to Free Pest Management Class**

(Woodland, CA) – Yolo County gardeners of all experience levels are invited to learn how to keep unwanted critters and bugs out of their garden produce at a free class on Wednesday, July 26 from 5:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.. The class, presented by the Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA), will present on Integrated Pest Management (IPM); a low cost and natural approach to reducing unwanted pests in the garden or in and around your home. This class is part of a series offered throughout the year at Hanna and Herbert Bauer Memorial Community Garden (137 N. Cottonwood Street in Woodland), along the west side of the HHSA Bauer Building.

No previous gardening experience is required to attend. The class will be taught by Karey Windbiel-Rojas, UC ANR Associate Director for Urban and Community IPM. Participants will learn how to identify beneficial and unwanted pests, determine if pests are becoming a problem and learn about natural methods that are used to control them. There will be time to ask questions and discuss common pest problems in our region.

This class is free to all and is part of the Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency's commitment to providing education that can help residents eat fresh fruits and vegetables and live healthier lives. Preregistration by July 25 is required for the class. To register, contact Nick Gazda at <a href="maick.gazda@yolocounty.org">nick.gazda@yolocounty.org</a> or (530) 666 – 8429. Participants are encouraged to dress for warm weather and bring water. In the event of extreme heat, the class will be moved inside. To learn more about the garden activities and classes, please visit: <a href="https://www.yolocounty.org/garden">www.yolocounty.org/garden</a>

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