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Get rid of pesky weeds and grow smart and beautifully this season

Learn to identify common weeds, restore pasture and how to develop a lower-maintenance landscape on rural properties that can save you money and energy for years to come.

Littleton, Colo. – Planting season is here and Arapahoe County Colorado State University Extension can help you revitalize your pasture and landscape through a program that won't break your bank and require a lot of maintenance.

This would be the best time of year to sign up and learn how to better care and grow your outdoor home with Rural Pasture and Weed Management and Water-Wise Landscaping seminar April 30.

The seminar will cover weed identification and management, pasture restoration and water-wise landscaping for rural properties. The seminar begins at 6:15 p.m. and will be held at Arapahoe County Fairgrounds, 25690 E. Quincy Ave, Aurora.

Jennifer Cook, Small Acreage Management Coordinator NRCS/CSU Extension, will teach participants to identify common weeds in the area and how best to control them. Successful control options are based on the life cycle of a particular weed. For each weed, we will review control options and the best time to do each. Control options include pulling, mowing, biocontrol, as well as chemical treatment. We will also discuss poisonous plants such as locoweed.

Jonathan Vrabec, CSU Extension Agriculture Agent for Arapahoe County, will cover managing and restoring pasture in Colorado. This can be very challenging and if done improperly can greatly damage the land you live on. This damage can occur in a matter of weeks but can take years to restore, meanwhile affecting your property value, your neighbors and your peace of mind. Here is a chance to learn some practical strategies for managing and restoring your pasture.

Robert Cox, CSU Extension Horticulture Agent for Arapahoe County, will discuss choices for lower-maintenance lawns, trees for shade and trees for windbreaks/shelterbelts, using the Principles of Water-Wise landscaping.

Cost for registration is \$20 and includes dinner. To register call 303-730-1920 or visit <http://www.extension.colostate.edu/arapahoe/agri/agri.shtml> and click the link for the program flyer/registration form to mail it in. All mail-in registrations must be postmarked by April 23.

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