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- 🍷 SCUMA - Free Compost & Mulch, Free Leaf & Brush Disposal
- 🍷 Mid - April* - Byram Township Leaf & Brush Center Opens
- 🍷 Saturday, **April 12th**, 2025 - BMRPOA Spring Clean-Up
- 🍷 Saturday, **May 3rd** West Brookwood Spring Plant Swap -
- 🍷 **June 1st** - Entry Forms DUE - West Brookwood Garden Contest
- 🍷 **July 15th - August 15th** Garden Contest Judging Period



Your Garden Photo Here!
Send in your photos so we
may include them in the
newsletter! 🍷



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Welcome to the “Newly Formed” West Brookwood Gardeners 🍷 – Our Goal is to foster a deeper sense of community through education, networking, sharing of best practices, sustainability, and the beautification of our West Brookwood Community. We hope to encourage first-time gardeners, experienced gardeners, all gardeners, an opportunity to share their ideas, experiences, and of course share known facts regarding our wildlife neighbors. For example, Deer Resistant Plants!

In our first newsletter – we have a great resource link to the **Rutgers NJ Agricultural Experimental Station**, providing a comprehensive list of Deer Resistant Plants!

It's SPRING! Now is an exciting time to encourage children to plant seeds and begin their seedlings for planting – Reduce – Reuse- Recycle – many of our recyclable plastic containers and cartons are perfect for indoor seed planting & gardening projects!!

All our welcome to join in - Happy Spring, Bob Zimmerman & Kate Joslin



Bob's Corner 😊 Deer Resistant Plants

Remember No plant is deer proof! Sorry for the bad news! However, many plants and shrubs noted in the “Rarely Damaged” category is a place to start! See the advice and lists provided by the **Rutgers New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station**: <https://njaes.rutgers.edu/deer-resistant-plants/>

**Bears are
Awake!**

Be on Alert! On occasion, Pesty Neighbors **Black Bears** Can wreak havoc with bird feeders and trash containers. Click the link below for more information on Bear Safety & Prevention:

[NJDEP Bears](#) (CTRL+Click to follow the link)

<p>Community Clean-Up April 12th</p> <p>Join your neighbors – Let’s clean up our neighborhood! Hi-Vis jackets, trash bags & gloves available. Children & Young Adults Welcome!! Speed limit Reminder!! Gather at the River Road Welcome Sign. 10:00 am – 12:00 noon</p>	<p>SCUMA - OPEN</p> <p>Drop off your leaves & brush, pick up free mulch!!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FREE mulch & compost “shovel your own”, \$\$ for Black & Red mulch. (shovels on site) • Leaf & grass, brush, disposal. • 7:00am-2:00pm. Check website link!
<p>West Brookwood Plant Swap: May 3rd All are welcome! (Rain or Shine)</p> <p>10:00 am – 12:00 am, 3 River Road (across from River Road Park)</p> <p>Please bring cuttings, seeds, small potted plants, rhizomes, (healthy plants, pest free, disease free), package appropriately & label your plants! Current inventory : Lily of the Valley, Red Cannas, Irises, Yellow Evening Primrose. Questions? Call Kate Joslin 862-258-0556.</p>	
<p>Did you Know?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zip 07874 is Zone 6 • Ruby-throated Hummingbirds migrate to New Jersey in the spring and stay through the summer before heading south for the winter. <p>West Brookwood Garden Contest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Summer Gardens ➤ Entry Form due June 1st ➤ Judging July 15th - August 15th 	<p>Children Activities</p> <p>Reduce/Reuse/Recycle 🌱 Rinse/Wash/Plant/Grow</p> <p>Now is the time to reuse your plastic containers for seedlings! Egg cartons, milk cartons, fruit & vegetable containers, reuse them! Make trays out of milk containers, plant seeds in fruit & egg containers, place them in the tray! 🌱</p> <p>More ideas from Kids Gardening: https://kidsgardening.org/resources/garden-activities-diy-hydroponics/</p>
<p>Hummingbird Favorites – Are these attractive plants in Your Garden?</p> <p>Bee Balm, butterfly bush, canna lily, cardinal flower, columbine, foxglove, fuchsias, honeysuckle, lobelia, magnolia, petunia, rose of Sharon hibiscus, rhododendron, weigela, zinnia!</p>	
<p>Resources:</p> <p>Brookwood Musconetcong River Property Owners’ Association PO Box 797, Stanhope, NJ 07874 Telephone: 973-347-1040 / Email: bmrpoa@gmail.com Website: www.homestead.bmrpoa.com Facebook: www.facebook.com/WestBrookwood Association meetings are scheduled for the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm.</p> <p>WBG West Brookwood Gardeners - Join In! Kate Joslin 862-258-0556 kbjoslin@icloud.com For assistance with any links or support - please call or email! 🌱</p> <p>The Native Plant Society of New Jersey https://npsnj.org/native-plants/</p>	<p>RCE of Sussex County New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey 130 Morris Turnpike, Newton, NJ 07860-4914 (973) 948-3040 https://sussex.njaes.rutgers.edu/garden/</p> <p>SCUMA https://scmua.org/ 34 South, Route 94, Lafayette, NJ 07848</p> <p>The Native Plant Society of New Jersey https://npsnj.org/native-plants/</p> <p>Kids’ Gardening https://kidsgardening.org</p> <p>Byram Township Leaf/Brush Removal Mid April-November * Dates subject to change. https://www.byramtwp.org/</p>