

# Ventura County News

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## Camping Season is Here - Remember to Burn It Where You Buy It

If you're preparing for an upcoming trip, keep in mind that you can help protect California's forests by buying firewood from a local source near the campsite rather than bringing it with you. When people move wood from place to place, they may be moving invasive insects and diseases that threaten California's landscape and wildland trees. Read more about the risks:

[Agriculture and Natural Resources Blogs - GOB.](#)

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## Planting Avocado Trees Basics by UCCE Ventura County Advisor Ben Faber

It may seem simple, but planting avocado trees incorrectly can be costly. How deep should the hole be? Which amendments are best? In this blog, Advisor Ben Faber offers a refresher on steps for successfully planting avocado trees: [Planting Avocados Trees](#).

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## UCCE Ventura County Welcomes Entomology Advisor Hamutahl Cohen

Hamutahl holds her Ph.D. in Environmental Sciences and applies 13 years of experience in entomology, horticulture, and ecology to enhance sustainable agriculture. Hamutahl is heavily involved in communication and research: she has authored books, articles, and blogs for both academic and public audiences and has given numerous workshops about topics such as integrated pest management, pollinator conservation, pesticide safety, and more. She is excited

to apply her background to address entomological issues in Ventura County and enhance regional agricultural practices. Hamutahl is a native Californian who returns from Florida and is happy to be home.

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## The Perfect Place for Pollinators? Your Garden!

Join certified Master Gardeners on Saturday, June 17, at the Veterans Home of California, Ventura for a one-hour class on what you need to know to create your own pollinator garden. You'll learn about plant selection and planting and be given enough resources to keep your garden attracting bees, butterflies, hummingbirds and other beneficials. For information and to register go to: [2023 June 17 Attracting Pollinators](#).



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## The 150th Anniversary of Ventura County Kick-Of Celebration

Ventura County separated from Santa Barbara County in 1873. One hundred and fifty years later you are invited to attend the kick-off celebration to commemorate Ventura County becoming its own beautiful place known for agriculture, industry, and innovation. The event takes place on Friday, June 23 from 5:30 - 8 p.m. at the Museum of Ventura County, 100 E Main Street,

Ventura. There will be new exhibits, food trucks, live music, guest speakers, and more. For more information, go to: [VC 150th Kick Off Event](#).



## Love Gardening and Volunteering? Apply to Become a VC Master Gardener!

Every other year classes are available to become a UC Master Gardener of Ventura County. This year classes begin in November. To apply for the program, you must first attend one of two information meetings held in Ventura on September 5th and 6th. For requirements and to sign up for an information class, use this link: [23/24 VC MG Class](#).

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## Agriculture Field Supervisor Training - Free Courses at Ventura College

The courses, offered in English and Spanish, are

open to all interested. Learn about changes in the ag industry, learn laws for wages, breaks, safety, and tools to retain your crew. Complete three required courses and earn a State Approved Certificate. Register now because classes are starting soon. For more information and to register, go to [VC Ag Field Supervisor](#).



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