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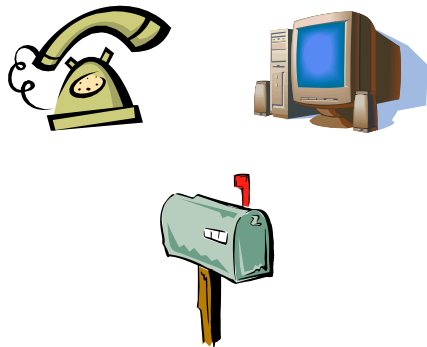
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20 Things

UW-Extension can do for you!



Door County UW-Extension...We bring University of Wisconsin knowledge and resources to you where you need them most—where you live and work.

What is UW-Extension?

You'll find Door County Extension Educators out in the community, holding seminars on strategic planning, crop and farming issues, family and parenting education and youth issues. To find out how Door County Cooperative Extension can serve you specifically, take a look at many of our services on this brochure.

Extending the "Wisconsin Idea"

For decades, Cooperative Extension has had a trusted and valued presence in Door County. Our staff carry forward the Wisconsin Idea, a century-old notion suggesting that the knowledge and resources of the University should be used to address the needs, problems and aspirations of all citizens of the state, not only those on campuses

UW-Extension uses education to help people understand and solve problems. In their work, the UW-Extension agents and staff in Door County continue the tradition of improving our economy, strengthening families, and building healthy communities by applying University knowledge to local needs and interests.



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20 THINGS EXTENSION CAN DO FOR YOU!

1. Have a question about food preservation, pest management, which plants grow best in our climate or how to stretch your food dollar? Your UW-Extension office has **publications** available on these and many more topics.

2. Our **website** at <http://door.uwex.edu> is full of information on everything from starting a business and parenting education classes to youth activities and so much more!

3. The UW-Extension office is a link to the **Master Gardener** program in Door County. This group of well-trained individuals can provide a wealth of knowledge about gardening and plant issues.

4. Participation in **4-H** has helped Door County youth learn important life skills and taught them how to contribute to their communities.

5. UW-Extension is known as the “educational arm of government”, but **UW Extension educators** don’t lecture or give grades in a typical classroom. Instead, we deliver education where people live and work—on the farm, in schools and community centers.

6. **University Specialists** on campuses of the University of Wisconsin System serve as resources for county based UW-Extension educators. These state specialists complete the Extension network by helping us apply useful and practical information to address local needs.

7. The university’s **WisLine Programs** offer up-to-date materials to various individuals and groups on a wide variety of topics (Local Government, Horticulture, Business, etc.)

8. Extension helps conduct **local research and surveys** which teach us more about ourselves, our values and our concerns. Examples include the Teen Assessment Project, Youth Futures, United Way Compass Survey and others.

9. Our Community Resource Development Agent works with non-profit groups to help them with **strategic planning**.

10. The **Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program (WNEP)** serves low-income citizens in Door County at no cost to county government. Prevention-based initiatives like WNEP are long term investments that make Door County healthier and ultimately, saves tax dollars.

11. We listen to your concerns! Extension conducts a **program planning** process to learn about the educational needs and concerns of county residents. Once, identified, these issues guide our work and make us more locally responsive.

12. Extension research **evaluates and compares new products and technologies** that are marketed to farmers. Our local Agricultural Agent adapts this information for Door County’s needs.

13. Your Family Living Program distributes relevant, timely information to Door County parents. One example is the free age and research-based **Parenting the First, Second, Third Year and Parenting the Preschooler newsletters in English and Spanish**.

14. Your UW-Extension office can provide you with **locally tailored statistics and census data** to help your business idea, grant application or policy decisions.

15. The Door County Family Living Educator helps children, parents and individuals make healthy choices about **diet and exercise, along with money management, and other consumerism topics**.

16. The Community Resource Development Agent works with local governments, civic organizations and businesses on **land use and smart growth initiatives**.

17. Two important parts of the 4-H program are **youth leadership and community service**. Youth participate in activities to help them build these skills.

18. Door County’s Extension Agricultural Program has helped to **strengthen agriculture’s contribution to economic development**. One way is through helping farmers understand risk and the financial aspects of farming that can help them grow and diversify.

19. Need **horticultural advice or soil testing** for your garden or farm field? The Extension office can help you identify problems by putting you in touch with horticulture information and sending in soil samples to the University lab in Madison.

20. The 4-H Youth Development Agent **trains and supports volunteer adult leaders** that develop and carry out hands on youth activities for the 4-H program.