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From the Desk
of Broward
County's
FCS Agent



Hi Apple Core & More Readers-

Greetings Apple Core & More subscribers. We are happy to welcome many new recipients! This newsletter is full of exciting and helpful information. Now is the time to focus on reducing food waste and sun safety. Read this newsletter to learn tips and ways to protect your skin.

We had a great turnout at Water Matters Day 2025 and are looking forward to next years event scheduled for **March 14, 2026**. *Save the date!* We will be presenting a workshop titled: *Spice it Up* and Growing Herbs in Broward during April. We will also be participating in the 11th *annual Soup and Salad Bowl* at Franklin Park on April 24th for seniors. Please encourage your family and friends to sign up for this informative FCS newsletter too.


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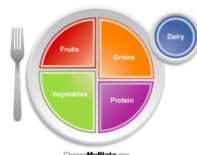


Reduce Food Waste Today

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Don't leave perishable foods out at room temperature for longer than 2 hours. This is known as the two-hour rule. Refrigerate leftovers after 2 hours. Keep food out of the danger zone. Keep foods safe to eat

<http://blogs.ifas.ufl.edu/browardco/2021/02/04/keep-food-safe-in-mind-at-your-super-bowl-party/>



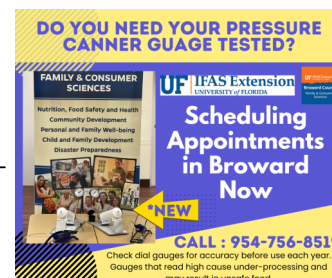
MyPlate. Check out all of the resources on healthy eating!

[MyPlate | U.S. Department of Agriculture](https://www.choosemyplate.gov/)

Get your Presto pressure canner gauge checked

in 2025 (Click link) Pressure Canner Gauge Testing in Broward County - UF/IFAS Extension Broward County (ufl.edu)

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<http://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/broward/family-and-consumer-sciences/>
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Family & Consumer Sciences Program

Led by Brenda Marty-Jimenez, MHM, RDN, LDN, FAND
UF/IFAS Extension, Broward County, Agent IV
2002 to present



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Family and Consumer Sciences, Agent IV

For 20 years, Brenda has successfully led our Family and Consumer programs in the community and beyond covering topics such as: nutrition, health, food, safety, ServSafe, Cottage Food Law, disaster preparedness, food preservation, chronic disease prevention and wellness.

Brenda holds a BS in Nutrition and Dietetics from the College of St. Scholastica, with a Dietetic Internship at McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls, SD. She also completed her Master in Health Management at St. Thomas University and has over 18 years of acute care experience as a Registered and Licensed Dietitian and Nutritionist in Florida.

Since 2002, Brenda has been a motivation to our team and an inspiration to industry professionals. She has been recognized in the past as recipient of the NEAFCS Distinguished Service Award, most recently at the 2021 EPAF Conference with the NEAFCS Continued Excellence Award and 2022 NEAFCS Disaster Education Award.

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Rose is responsible for educating citizens and working with the Family Consumer Sciences in Broward County. She engages in community outreach and educational research-based programming.

She comes to us with 13 years of experience in teaching South Floridians subjects such as: the importance of eating healthy, increasing physical activity, and keeping hydrated, while working for the Family Nutrition Program.

She is motivated and passionate about connecting with people and delivering classes on different topics. She is seasoned with making an impact with the audiences she serves in terms of knowledge gain and behavior change.

She is friendly, personable and an asset to Family and Consumer Sciences. Rose was awarded the Paraprofessional Award in 2019 by UF/IFAS Extension and has received several other accolades.

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Sun Safety Matters: *PROTECT YOUR SKIN!*

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What Causes it?

Exposure to UV rays from sunlight is the most common cause of skin cancer.



UV rays from the sun can damage your skin and cell DNA.



Getting sunburned five times can more than double your risk of getting skin cancer.



Outdoor professionals face double the risk of skin cancer compared to indoor workers.*



Why Does it Matter?



1 in every 5 Americans will develop skin cancer in their lifetime.**



If skin cancer is detected and treated early, there is a 99.9% survival rate.



If left untreated skin cancer can spread to vital organs, becoming fatal.



Anyone, no matter their skin tone, can develop skin cancer.

All About Skin Cancer For Outdoor Professionals



Using sunscreen and practicing sun protection can help reduce the \$9 billion spent annually on skin cancer treatments in the U.S.

Most Common

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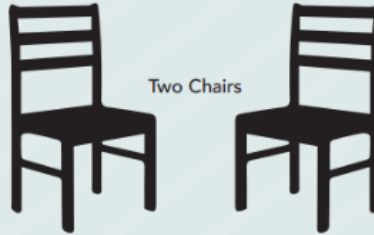
Basal Cell Carcinoma	Squamous Cell Carcinoma	Melanoma
		
Round flesh colored growth	Firm red scaly bump	Irregular borders with ragged or blurred outline
Commonly found on head, neck, and arms	Commonly found on face, neck, arms, chest, and ears	Commonly found on arms, back, face, and legs
Can damage nerves and bone	Can damage healthy tissues and organs	Can spread to other body parts and damage surrounding cells

Less Dangerous

Most Dangerous (Deadly)

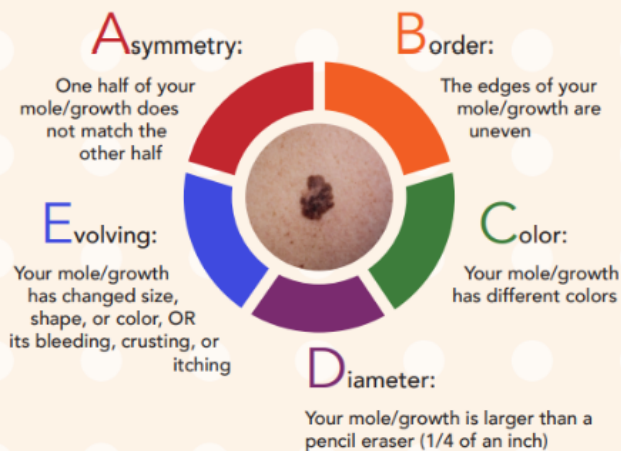
Do It Yourself: Skin Self-Exam

What You Need



What To Look For

The ABCDE's of Skin Cancer



If you notice anything unusual, please contact your healthcare provider.

To find a provider visit:
www.zocdoc.com

Steps You Take:



1 Check Your Entire Face

Use your hand-mirror to see behind your ears.



2 Check Your Scalp

Use a blow-dryer or brush to move your hair away; ask someone to help if you can.



3 Check Your Hands & Arms

This includes your palms, between fingers, under nails & even your armpits.



4 Check Your Torso

In the full-length mirror, check your neck, chest, stomach area & under your breasts.



5 Check Your Backside

Have your back facing the full-length mirror & use the hand-mirror for a closer look at your shoulders, neck, upper arms & butt.



6 Check Your Legs

Look at the front & back, your ankles & feet. (Toes, toenails, & underneath too) Sit & put one leg on a chair at a time to check your private areas & between your legs.

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Be Sun Safe At Work

How To Reduce Your Risk Of Skin Cancer



Sunscreen

Use Broad-Spectrum Sunscreen with at least 30 SPF

- UV radiation from sunlight can damage skin in just 15 minutes.
- UVA rays cause loss of elasticity, aging, wrinkling, and tanning.
- UVB rays or burning rays, increases risk of skin cancer.
- Reapply sunscreen every 2 hours.



Clothing & Sunglasses

Wear protective clothing and eye wear

- Wear light and loose clothing. Look for materials like lycra, elastane, nylon, and polyester.
- Wear wide-brimmed hats.
- Wear sunglasses with UV400 rating or 100% UV protection on the label.



Shade

Spend more time under shade and in air conditioning when possible

- There is high UV exposure from 10 am to 2 pm, try to limit exposure during this time and plan to do more strenuous outdoor tasks outside this time frame.



Medical Factors

Be aware of medications and products that increase photosensitivity or sun sensitivity

- Check product labels for warnings about increased sun sensitivity or photosensitivity.
- Medications that increase sensitivity to sunlight include antibiotics, cholesterol lowering drugs, cold medicine, and more.



Drink hydrating fluids often, even if you do not feel thirsty.



Give yourself a self skin exam, checking your skin from head to toe. Look for changes or anything unusual.

Reduce Food Waste Now!

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Be careful in buying food items in bulk, unless you have a definite plan to use them before they expire or go bad. Large quantities of food may go bad before you use them up. Share bulk items with a relative, friend or neighbor. Don't waste your food dollars.

<https://www.fda.gov/food/consumers/tips-reduce-food-waste/>



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Shop from a written shopping list before you go to the grocery store. Make sure the shopping list matches recipes you plan to make and meals you plan to serve.

<http://blogs.ifas.ufl.edu/browardco/2020/09/24/grocery-lists-coupons-can-save-money-for-busy-families/>



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If you prepare too much food, freeze it for another meal. Don't let it stay in the refrigerator until it goes bad. Freezing is a great way to store most foods to keep them safe until ready to eat.

<https://www.fda.gov/food/consumers/tips-reduce-food-waste>



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Leftovers are a great way to use foods in your refrigerator that otherwise would go to waste.

Try to plan one meal per week that involves using leftovers

<https://www.fda.gov/food/consumers/tips-reduce-food-waste>



Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS)

Participates in Water Matters Day 2025

By Brenda Marty Jimenez, MHM< RDN, LDN, FAND

Over 4089 county citizens participated in the 23rd Water Matters Day event held at Tree Tops Park on March 8, 2025 and received education on SUN SAFETY. Family and Consumer Sciences connected with and educated over 250 individuals.

Success Stories and Comments:

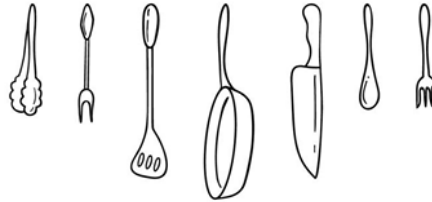
1. Many participants shared stories and scars of skin cancer procedures they had gone through and were happy this education was being provided to the public at this community event.
2. Many did not know the recommended UV400 rating for sunglasses and special material for clothing.
3. Many were not aware that 1 in 5 Americans will develop skin cancer in their lifetime. (<https://www.aad.org/media/stats-skin-cancer>). Also, if skin cancer is detected and treated early, there is a 99.9% survival rate. Lastly, use of broad-spectrum sunscreen with at least 30 SPF is recommended to protect skin and it is recommended to reapply every 2 hours, was new information for many.
4. Several did not know that sun exposure may be dangerous and thought being in the sun for extended periods of time, without any protection, was healthy.
5. Many learned the 6 tips to self-exam. (Check entire face, scalp, hands and arms, torso, backside and legs).
6. One participant stated she will share this information with her family. I am going to place it in my first aid kit.



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Want to try a new recipe?

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Banana Berry Smoothie

Ingredients

2 bananas, peeled
1 cup frozen berries
1 cup low-fat vanilla yogurt
 $\frac{3}{4}$ cup 1% milk or unsweetened soy milk
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup ice cubes (optional)

Directions

1. In a blender, combine bananas, frozen berries, yogurt, and milk (or soy milk). Blend until smooth.
2. To make a frostier smoothie, add a few ice cubes and blend until smooth.

Nutrition Facts

Serving Size 1 serving (234.29g)
Servings Per Container 4

Amount Per Serving

Calories 140 **Calories from Fat** 15

% Daily Value*

Total Fat 1.5g **2%**

Saturated Fat 1g **5%**

Trans Fat

Cholesterol 5mg **2%**

Sodium 60mg **3%**

Total Carbohydrate 29g **10%**

Dietary Fiber 3g **12%**

Sugars 21g

Protein 5g

Vitamin A 4% • **Vitamin C** 10%

Calcium 15% • **Iron** 0%

* Percent Daily Values are based on a 2,000 calorie diet.



For more information about EFNEP, visit:
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Soup and Salad Bowl with a Twist for Seniors

Date: April 24th from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Location: Franklin Park, 2501 NW 22nd Road, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311

Coordinator: Jessica T., Parks Manager Associate Office - (954) 357-6867

***Family and Consumer Sciences will be educating on Sun Safety.**



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April 4, 2025

May 2, 2025

June 6, 2025

July 18, 2025

August 1, 2025

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Check dial gauges for accuracy before use each year. Gauges that read high cause under-processing and may result in unsafe food.

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Broward County, Parks and Recreation: We have so many beautiful county parks to visit. Take the opportunity to visit as many as you can, in 2025, to relax, view nature, spend time with family, absorb some vitamin D, and get physical activity. Check out these things to do in a park near you.



WELLNESS CORNER



Motivational Moment:

"Do something today that your future self will thank you for in the future. "

-Author: Unknown.



Q&A Challenge

Question: Food safety principle: When in doubt, throw it _____.

Answer: Out



WE'RE ON THE WEB AT:

<http://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/broward/family-and-consumer-sciences/>

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