

Newark Farm Agronomy Building Use Policy

as of October 2018

The Agronomy Building, also known as the Ag Shed, is located near the machine shop along Farm Lane on the Newark Farm. Users of space and facilities within this building must first ask permission.

Read the following page, then email your request, including any need to have/borrow a key, to

Dr. Bruce Vasilas,
Plant & Soil Sciences, bvasilas@udel.edu

You may request the following:

Temporary storage space

Temporary touch-down space

Use of ovens for drying plants

Use of screens for drying soils

Additionally, plants can be ground within the Ag Shed using a floor-model mill.

Email Joe Paller, Plant & Soil Sciences, for permission.

jpaller@udel.edu

See the following page for details regarding other procedures within the Ag Shed.

To store items within the Ag Shed, label with:

Your Name

Faculty or Work Group Name

Your Phone Number & Email

The Date Item Was Placed in the Ag Shed

Description of the item if not obvious

Be mindful of the length of time that you store items. Space is limited; remove items as soon as possible. This is a farm building and rodents can get in there so store items in tight-closing containers, if possible.

(Report any rodent issues to Dr. Vasilas.)

You will be contacted if your items are stored indefinitely without prior permission. Failure to respond could result in your item getting thrown out.

There is “break room” space in the east garage. Ask to use this as touch-down space while working on the Newark Farm.

The ovens in the back center of the Ag Shed are operated by power switch and should be turned **OFF** when not in use. Thermostat dials are located over top but should not need to be adjusted. Direct questions to Scott Hopkins, hopkins@udel.edu

Soil can be air-dried in the west garage. Use the four large, framed screens (handle carefully) by placing them on the floor along the back wall, making sure not to block the walkways.

Cut lengths of brown paper from the roll (found along the wall) to fit across the screens. Label the paper as directed above, adding the soil name/ID code. Spread the soil on the paper, break up chunks, and monitor for dryness over the next few days. Pick up the soil when dry. Place the used paper in the outside dumpster. Stand the screens along the wall and sweep up using the provided dust pan and broom.