



Town of Barnstable

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Learn to Shellfish Classes 2026

Open to All Ages

Barnstable's Natural Resources Program will offer four

FREE shellfishing classes open to the public:

JUNE 13 @ 3:30 PM CLASS FULL

JULY 18 @ 8:45 AM CLASS FULL

AUGUST 2 @ 8 AM

AUGUST 15 @ 7:15 AM

AUGUST 16 @ 7:30 AM

SEPTEMBER 12 @ 6 AM

MUST SIGN UP TO PARTICIPATE (Email below)

Space is limited. Sign-ups start by email May 1, 2026.

You will be given the class location (by email) two weeks before the class.

Have you ever wanted to learn how to shellfish? Have you been before, but you're still looking for more tips? Here is your chance!

- ★ Natural Resources staff will be available to assist anyone who wants to learn to dig quahogs and steamers or just to get a few more pointers!
- ★ Be prepared to get wet! The shellfish live in wet sand that gets covered by saltwater when the tide is high. Waders, hip boots or knee boots would be helpful. Protective gloves are necessary.
- ★ Shellfish may be taken by hand or rake. Small (garden) hand rakes and trowels will be allowed for children only.
- ★ Shellfish that are legally harvested with a valid permit may be taken home. You do not need a shellfish license to participate in the class, but do need one if you wish to take home your catch.
- ★ SHELLFISH REGULATIONS APPLY AS ALWAYS!

For more information, call Natural Resources during office hours
Monday – Friday from 8:30am to 4:15pm at 508-790-6272 or direct your
questions via email to cecilia.dunham@barnstable.gov