



RAMSEY COUNTY

# Master Gardener News

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## Ramsey County Master Gardeners In Action

### Summer Open House on Saturday, August 10

Visit the Ramsey County Master Gardeners for their summer open house at the Extension office in Maplewood on Saturday, August 10, 2019 from 10am-2pm. Master Gardeners will share seasonal gardening information and offer tours of their many demonstration gardens, including container & raised bed gardens, pollinator gardens, square-foot vegetable & herb garden, University seed trials, Hmong cultural garden, and rain garden. [Learn more](#)

### Upcoming Garden Classes - July/ August/September

Ramsey County Master Gardeners will be teaching residents about managing garden pests, supporting local pollinators, caring for indoor plants, and using herbs. Classes are often hosted by public libraries and community education programs. Registration is required. [Find a class](#)

## Apply to Become a Master Gardener by October 1

Join us in 2020 by applying online before October 1, 2019. Master Gardeners are volunteers who receive education about University research-based, eco-friendly gardening information and then share that information with residents.

[Click here to apply](#)

## Let's Talk Plants at the State Fair Aug 22-Sept 02

Master Gardeners will be at the State Fair to answer your garden questions and teach mini-classes at The DIRT stage. Look for them in the Agriculture Horticulture Building. [See more State Fair information](#)

## Summer Garden Information & Suggestions



### Protect Your Fruit from Spotted Wing Drosophila (SWD)

There's a new bug in town and it loves soft fruit, like raspberries, cherries, grapes, blueberries, and strawberries. Good management is the best way to protect your fruit this summer. [Learn More](#)



### Don't Worry About Spots on Trees this Summer

A cool, wet spring means a big year for fungal diseases on trees and shrubs. The good news is that in general these diseases look worse than they actually are. [Learn More](#)



### Harvesting Garden Vegetables

The best part of the garden is enjoying what you've grown. But how can you tell when to harvest your vegetables? [Learn More](#)



### Use Organics Recycling for your Summer Picnics

Organic Recycling turns common picnic leftovers like napkins and watermelon rinds into compost that helps improve soil health and nurtures plants, and is available to all residents for FREE. [Learn More](#) Want to start composting at home? You can buy a compost bin from [Recycle Minnesota](#).



### Tips for a Healthy Lawn

Keeping our cool-weather grass lawns green in the summer heat is tough. Water can be helpful but additional fertilizers or weed-killing herbicides can cause more harm than good during the summer months. [Learn More](#)



### When to Divide your Spring- & Summer-Blooming Perennials

Dividing perennials is a good way to add more plants to your landscape and is often necessary to encourage future flowering. Set a reminder to take care of these plants in late summer and early fall. [Learn More](#)



### Stop the Spread of Noxious Weeds

Noxious weeds can cause severe damage to the economy, the environment, and human health. There are many things you can do to help slow the spread of these plants. [Learn More](#) For a list of noxious weeds in Minnesota, [click here](#).



## Ramsey County Master Gardener Services



### Diagnostic Clinic

Master Gardeners will answer your garden questions at the Diagnostic Clinic in Maplewood. For best results, bring plant/insect samples or good-quality photos with you to the clinic. The clinic is open to the public from now until the end of September. [Check hours](#)

### Ask a Master Gardener Online & Phone Services

If you can't come in person, you can still get help for your garden questions using the Ask-A-Master Gardener tool from Extension Services. Questions can be submitted by phone or using an online form. [Ask a Master Gardener now](#)



### Garden Classes

Want to learn more about caring for your garden or ways you can help the environment? Take a class taught by Ramsey County Master Gardeners. Classes are often hosted by public libraries and community education programs. [Find a class](#)

Want a Master Gardener to teach a class for your business, community, or social group? [Contact us to ask about topics and availability.](#)



### Demonstration Gardens

The Ramsey County Master Gardeners many educational and demonstration gardens at their location in Maplewood. Visit to see container & raised bed gardens, pollinator garden, square-foot vegetable and herb gardens, University seed trials, rain garden, and the Hmong cultural garden.

[Community Events, Activities and more](#)

# 2019

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