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## Visit our NEW Website!

Visit [ramseymastergardeners.org](http://ramseymastergardeners.org) to learn more about our organization, how to become a Master Gardener in Ramsey County, and access resources and links to help you improve your gardening skills.



## It's Apple Season!

Most of us are aware that the University of Minnesota has an extensive apple breeding program. Who hasn't enjoyed a Honeycrisp or a Sweet Tango apple? This year, Minnesota State Fair participants were treated to another U of M apple: First Kiss.

[READ MORE.](#)

Now is the time to visit [local apple orchards](#) to get the freshest pick of the season of your favorite apple varieties.

Interested in growing your own apple trees?

[READ MORE.](#)

Here's a great recipe for using apples.



Apple Waldorf Salad

## Buckthorn Busting

[Buckthorn](#) is a species that was originally brought over to our country from Europe as a small shrub to be used as a hedge in the home landscape in the 1800s. How did folks know at that time that this species would become invasive, taking over natural areas and preventing native trees and shrubs from thriving?

[READ MORE](#) from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources on how to identify and control this noxious weed in your neighborhood.

Check out [this link](#) on the University of Minnesota Extension website for videos on managing buckthorn.

For general information on other invasive species, [click here](#).



## Fall into Winter

Did you know there are steps you can take to ensure the health of pollinators next spring and summer in your yard and garden beginning this fall?

Here are 3 tips to get you started:

1. Trim your perennials back to 18" to create new homes for stem-nesting native bees next summer.

2. Make a pile of fallen leaves

somewhere on your property so bumblebees have a place to hibernate over the winter.

3. If you transplant perennials in your yard, place them together to create a large mass of flowers that will be easy for bees to find.

Want to know more? See our calendar link below and attend a "Fall into Winter" presentation, brought to you by Ramsey County Master Gardeners.

Do you have a vegetable garden? U of M Extension Ramsey County Master Gardener, Brianna Gohde, contributes ideas for getting your vegetable garden ready for winter [here](#).

## Organic Recycling in Ramsey County

As gardeners and residents of the communities in which we live, we are concerned about the environment and are always seeking ways to do our part to reduce waste. Organic recycling is a wonderful practice to start in Ramsey County. [Yard Waste](#) sites are conveniently located around the county and now ALL of them, including Arden Hills, are accepting organics. The city ordinance was changed to offer this service in 2017. [Visit this link](#) to learn more about organic recycling in Ramsey County. Throughout the season, Ramsey County Master Gardeners answer questions about organic recycling and

composting at the yard waste sites and other information booths and tables. We answer other horticultural questions too!

## Become a Ramsey County Master Gardener!

The deadline to apply for our 2019 Winter Intern program is just around the corner (October 1)...But... if you're comfortable taking the Master Gardener Intern Core Course ONLINE only, you can apply to the program by February 18, 2019 and still have an opportunity to become a "Spring Intern". The timeline for completing the course, volunteering as an intern and eventually serving as a certified Master Gardener differs slightly from our "Winter Intern" cohort group, but the requirements are basically the same. Contact [auss0004@umn.edu](mailto:auss0004@umn.edu) for more information.





## Calendar

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