



RAMSEY COUNTY

## Master Gardener News

### RCMG "Through the Seasons" Winter 2019

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### Winter Resource List

Do you have extra time on snowy days to do some reading while you wait for spring? Check out these resource links- guaranteed to get you thinking about your garden and ways to help the environment.

[Ramsey County Master Gardeners](#)- you'll find a handy calendar, events and The Garden Sage!

[University of Minnesota Extension Yard and Garden News](#)- this month news includes the effect of the recent polar vortex on fruit trees and other timely articles.

[Green Ramsey](#)- if you're concerned about reducing waste and our environment, check this resource out.

Want to learn more about organic recycling?

[Ramsey County Organic Recycling](#).

For general reference all year round, visit the [University of Minnesota Extension Yard and Garden](#) area of the [University of Minnesota Extension website](#).



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## Grow and Care for Amaryllis

Grow some amaryllis to brighten up a wintry window! It's a fantastic strategy to bring some springtime into your home even on the coldest and most blustery days.

Mary Meyer, Extension horticulturalist and Julie Weisenhorn, Extension educator, have tips for selecting, growing and caring for these beauties so that you can enjoy them blooming indoors each and every winter for years to come.

[READ MORE.](#)



## Need a Tree Professional?

You know your trees need pruning but aren't sure how to do it yourself or maybe it's too large of a job. You've noticed your tree isn't doing as well as it has in the past. Maybe the trunk has an odd looking growth or the leaves are dropping unexpectedly. How do you select a tree professional to help you? Master Gardeners are a great resource, but often, circumstances might merit the need for a professional.

[READ MORE.](#)



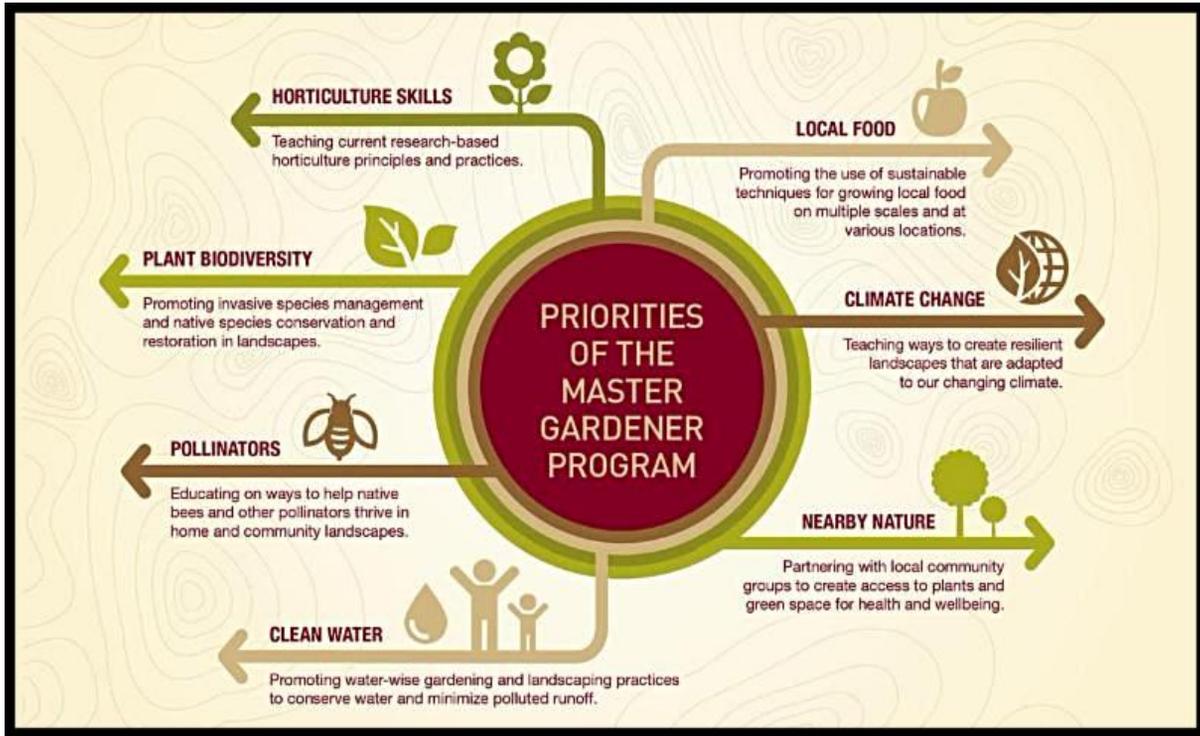
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## Seeds: Basics and Viability

Many gardeners wait for spring by perusing seed catalogs. With dreams of a colorful and healthy garden, they start thinking now about their gardens in June, July and August.

It's sometimes easier and less expensive to start your own seeds indoors. Need to know the basics to get started? [Visit this link](#). Wonder if that old packet of seeds you have lying around will still germinate? Here's some great information with [another video](#) on how to test your seeds for viability. Timing is a critical factor in the success of your seedlings in the outdoor garden, so read the seed packet for information on when to start those seeds indoors for future transplanting outdoors.



## Find us in the Community

Ramsey County Master Gardeners are trained volunteers from the University of Minnesota Extension and teach residents on a multitude of horticultural topics at public and private venues throughout the year.

You'll find us on Saturday Feb. 16 and Sunday Feb. 17 from 10 am to 4 pm. at the [St. Paul Home and Landscape Show](#). If you're there and have some questions for us, stop by our table.

This winter and spring you can register for the following presentations:

### **Advanced Vegetable Gardening, going beyond the basics.**

3/30 - [North Dale Recreation Center](#)

5/21 - [Langford Park Recreation Center](#)

### **Introductory Vegetable Gardening, a 3 part series for gardeners who want to grow vegetables.**

2/23, 3/02, 3/09 - [North Dale Recreation Center](#)

4/23, 4/30, 5/07 - [Langford Park Recreation Center](#)

### **Vegetables For Everyone, a short overview for beginning gardeners.**

3/16 - [Fairview Community Center](#)

4/20 - [White Bear Lake Community Center](#)

4/27 - [Fairview Community Center](#)

**Flowers for Pollinators** : Ramsey County Master Gardeners are trained by the University of Minnesota Extension Master Gardener program to teach an innovative and thought-provoking class on Flowers for Pollinators. Many of our pollinators are in trouble and you can help them!

4/13 - [White Bear Lake Community Center](#)

4/25 - [North Dale Recreation Center](#)

5/13 - [Langford Park Recreation Center](#)

4/06 - [Fairview Community Center](#)



Vegetable Basics at Frogtown Park and Farm

Please contact [auss0004@umn.edu](mailto:auss0004@umn.edu) to find out if we can assist you.

You'll find us at local Farmers Markets, Ramsey County Yard Waste Sites and other community festivals and events throughout the growing season. Learn about our onsite clinic below and bookmark our google calendar at the bottom of this newsletter.

**Let's talk plants!**

## **Ramsey County Master Gardener Diagnostic Clinic**

For many years, residents from Ramsey and Washington Counties have come to depend on our Master Gardeners' sage advice and University resources to tackle plant and pest problems in their yards and gardens.

**The Diagnostic Clinic, located at 2020 White Bear Ave. in Maplewood,**

is open to the public on Wednesdays and Saturdays from the beginning of May until the end of September. Check our website, [ramseycountymastergardeners.org](http://ramseycountymastergardeners.org) under the events tab for 2019 dates and times soon.

Please bring samples or clear photos to the clinic to aid us in our diagnostic efforts.



Name the culprit, click on the pic!

## Save the Date, RCMG Annual Plant Sale!

Please mark your calendars for May 18, 2019 and plan to join us at our annual plant sale.

Location: 2020 White Bear Ave, Maplewood, MN at the historic Ramsey County Barn.

Time: 8 am to 2 pm.



# 2019

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## Calendar

[View our full calendar.](#)

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