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Garden Advice Through the Seasons: SUMMER



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COVID -19 notice



All in-person Extension-sponsored events and classes are canceled through Tuesday, June 30.

Upcoming garden classes - June/July/August

Join us in these online classes to learn what you need to know about herb gardening, pest control, home composting and more.



Soil testing - open year round

A soil test will provide recommendations for improving your soil conditions based on the type of soil you have and on what you want to grow, whether that's lawns, vegetables, trees or more.

Home compost bin sale - save \$20

Order online at RecycleMinnesota.org and enter promo code "Ramsey" to receive the discounted price, or call 651-641-4589 and mention that you are a Ramsey County resident. Pre-ordered bins can be picked up on May 2.



Summer garden information

Community garden safety

With warmer weather appearing, many community gardens are opening. Read these best practices for gardening during this COVID-19 summer. These recommendations are based on public health guidance for both the garden and our communities.



If your community garden doesn't offer a hand washing station, talk with your community organizer about adding one [using this design](#) from the University of MN Extension program.



Prepare for Japanese Beetles

With the mild winter, it's possible that we are going to face a bumper crop of Japanese beetles before the Fourth of July. Be ready with the best information on controlling this garden pest.

Murder Hornets are not a problem

It is unlikely that we would see these hornets in MN any time soon. However, should that change, the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) will take the appropriate action for early detection.



Right plant, right place

For a successful, healthy yard and garden, you've got to choose the right plant for the right location and purpose. Learn more from this video series.



Lawn-to-Legume Project

Lawns to Legumes offers workshops, coaching, planting guides and cost-share funding for installing pollinator-friendly native plantings in residential lawns. The program also includes a public education campaign to raise awareness for pollinator habitat projects and will establish demonstration neighborhoods that showcase best

practices.

Houseplant heaven: a summer outdoors

Minnesota's long summer days mean catch-up time for house plants, where they enjoy the fresh air and increased light to grow bigger and hopefully flower. The hardest part is getting our indoor plants used to the outdoors.

Good options for trees to replace ash

Many ash trees have been taken down because of damage from Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). If you're thinking about which tree species could replace them, consider these great alternatives.



Garden resources and services



Master gardeners on Facebook

Follow Ramsey County Master Gardeners on Facebook for updates about local events, interesting researching and timely garden suggestions.

Food scrap drop-off sites

Keep composting through the summer to keep food scraps out of our landfills.

Ask a garden expert online and phone services

The University of Minnesota Extension program's Ask-An-Expert can help you answer your garden-related question by phone or using an [online form](#).



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