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Ramsey County Master Gardeners

Garden advice through the seasons - Winter 2022



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Minnesota Winter

| December 1 - February 28 | | |
|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| | Average temperature | Daylight |
| Start of Winter | 27° F | 9 Hours 1 Minute |
| End of Winter | 15° F | 9 Hours 48 Minutes |
| Change | 12° F decrease | 47 minute increase |

[Check out this calendar for a guide to caring for flower and vegetable gardens in Minnesota.](#)

Winter events and opportunities

Ramsey County garden classes

Learn more about starting seeds, pruning trees and shrubs, growing microgreens, caring for houseplants and more. [Find a class.](#)



Want more garden classes? Check out upcoming events from the [University of Minnesota Extension](#), the [Minnesota Landscape Arboretum](#) and the [Minnesota Horticultural Society](#).

Find a winter market

Love farmer's markets? You don't have to wait until summer. [Find a Ramsey County winter market.](#)

Winter garden information

Watch for pests in holiday greens

[Watch for insects and diseases](#) that hitchhike on trees and holiday greenery including elongate hemlock scale, boxwood blight, oriental bittersweet, *Lymantria dispar* (gypsy moth) and others.



Stretch your food scraps

Foods that are a little past their prime – wilted vegetables or stale bread – can be given new life with a few simple [recipes, tricks and techniques](#).

Planning your 2023 garden

How do you choose the best plants for your garden when there are so many options? We'll cover some [local and regional resources](#) to help you narrow down your choices.



Winter berries for wildlife

If you enjoy watching wildlife in the fall and winter months, consider planting trees, shrubs or vines [that produce berries](#).

Small-scale hydroponics



[Hydroponics](#) is a type of soilless gardening that can be done either indoors or outdoors. It's a great option for people with little or no gardening space, or who want to grow herbs and vegetables through the winter.

Fungus gnat control

Houseplants are great for beating the winter blues for many plant lovers but they can bring their own share of frustrations. Learn [how to control insect pests](#) like fungus gnats, spider mites and aphids.



Prune trees and start seeds in February

There are [plenty of things to do for your garden](#), even when there's still snow on the ground. Late winter is the best time for pruning many trees and shrubs, and for starting seeds.

Reducing the impacts of climate change in Ramsey County

Ramsey County's [updated strategic priorities](#) have a new emphasis on climate change that allows the county to reduce the impacts of climate change on vulnerable communities and support climate adaptation practices.

Garden resources and services

Answers for your garden questions

Get answers to your garden questions [using this online form](#). Please provide as much relevant detail as possible and include photos of the subject of your question (plant, insect, etc.)

Information about your garden

Extension's [Yard and Garden News](#) offers timely garden advice from University of Minnesota researchers and educators. The [Yard and Garden resource website](#) provides in-depth information to identify insects, plants, and diseases, and to find tips on growing healthy vegetables.

More resources

- [Ramsey County Master Gardeners volunteer program website, Facebook and Instagram](#)
- [Ask Extension online and phone services](#)
- [University of Minnesota Extension Yard and Garden News](#)

- [University of Minnesota Extension yard and garden resources](#)
- [University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum garden tours and classes](#)
- [Minnesota Water Stewards](#)
- [University of Minnesota Tree Care Advocates](#)
- [Ramsey County yard waste and food scraps drop-off locations](#)
(check for winter hours)
- [Ramsey County Recycling Ambassador Program](#)
- [Ramsey County Green Ramsey](#)
- [Ramsey County Urban Ag and Community Gardening](#)

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