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Ramsey County Master Gardeners

## Garden advice through the seasons: Fall 2020



### In this newsletter

- Joining the Master Gardener program
- Storing tips and saving seeds for your vegetable garden
- Guide for dividing perennial plants
- Advice on preparing your lawn and garden for winter

### Minnesota Fall

September 1st - November 30th		
	Average temperature	Daylight
<b>Start of Fall</b>	72° F	13 hours and 11 minutes
<b>End of Fall</b>	31° F	9 hours and 2 minutes
<b>Change</b>	41° F decrease	4 hours and 9 minute decrease

### Upcoming events and opportunities

## **Join the Master Gardeners**

If you love plants, volunteering in your community and learning horticulture skills from University-based Extension educators, we'd like to hear from you. The Master Gardeners are accepting [applications online](#) until October 1.

Bring your questions about being a Master Gardener to an [online open house](#) on Wednesday, September 9 from 7-8 p.m. or Saturday, September 12 from 9-10 a.m.

- To join by computer, smartphone or tablet, follow this [Zoom link](#) with the password KxMh3#.
- To join by phone, dial 651-372-8299 and enter meeting ID 923 7654 5289 with the password 765873.

## **Upcoming garden classes - September|October|November**

Come learn what you need to know about food preservation, growing microgreens, home composting and more. [View a list of upcoming classes.](#)



Due to the risk related to COVID-19, the Master Gardeners will continue to offer events and classes online this fall and winter.

## **Online yard and garden helpline**

The Master Gardeners are hosting online services to help identify mystery plants and answer your garden questions. Join us Saturdays at 11 a.m. until the end of September via [Zoom](#).

## **Fall garden information**

Click on the title links to learn more.

### **Getting the most from your harvest**

The advantage of having a home garden is that you can enjoy your vegetables as soon as they are ripe. Proper storing and preserving methods will mean you can enjoy them longer.

### **Save your vegetable seeds**

If you grew a vegetable garden this year, consider saving some of the seeds so you can start growing again right away next season.



### **Controlling buckthorn**

Buckthorn is one of Minnesota's most damaging invasive plants and fall is one of the best times to control growth.

### **Dividing fall plants**

Divide spring and summer-blooming perennials in the fall to rejuvenate plants and stimulate new growth next year.



Photo by Morgan Weisner

### **Fall tips for a healthier lawn**

Fall is the best time for lawn care and there is a lot of work that needs to be done to prepare your lawn for the long winter.



### **Fall cleanup for pollinators**

Extension educator Julie Weisenhorn shows how to adjust your fall cleanup routine to help pollinators through the fall and winter.

### **A citizen scientist's quest**

A Minnesota citizen scientist is on a quest to document 2,500 living things this year in the wilds of the city and the suburbs. And he's getting close.

### **Become a citizen pruner**

Citizen pruners are trained in tree identification, biology and pruning techniques. If you enjoy being outdoors, love trees and your community, this is an opportunity for you to get involved in your urban forest.



### **Soil testing - open year round**



Fall is a great time to request a soil test to prepare you for the 2021 garden season. The test will provide details about the soil in your yard or garden and offer recommendations for improving it based on what you want to grow.

## **Garden resources and services**



### **Master Gardeners on Facebook**

Follow the Ramsey County Master Gardeners on Facebook.

### **Ramsey County organics drop-off sites**

Find a location near you for yard waste or food scraps.

### **Extension Ask a Gardener expert online and phone services**

Ask a Gardener is available to get help for your garden-related questions.

### **University of Minnesota Extension Yard and Garden News**

[Subscribe](#) to the Yard and Garden News to get research-based information and best practices for Minnesota gardens.



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Get information about waste, recycling, energy and other environmental health issues.

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