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Ramsey County Master Gardeners

## Garden advice through the seasons - Summer 2022



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### Minnesota Summer

June 1 - August 31		
	Average temperature	Daylight
Season Start	59° F	15 Hours 24 Minutes
Season End	79° F	13 Hours 17 Minutes
Change	20° F increase	2 hour 7 minute decrease

## Upcoming events and opportunities: June/July/August

### Ramsey County garden classes

Join us for an [online class](#) to learn more about pollinators, managing garden pests and problem plants, climate change in Minnesota, food preservation and more.

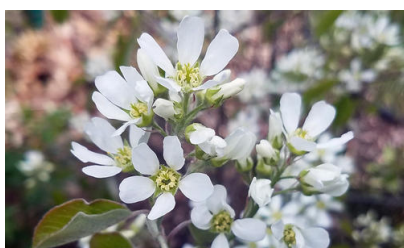


### Find a Master Gardener

Master Gardener volunteers are always happy to talk plants with another gardener. Find us at the [Master Gardener booths](#) at Ramsey County yard waste collection sites this summer.

### Ask Extension your garden questions

[Get answers to your garden questions](#) using this online form. A Master Gardener volunteer will reply by email within 48 hours. Please provide as much relevant detail as possible. If you attach photos, make sure the subject of your question (plant, insect, etc.) is clearly visible.



### Garden resources

[Yard and Garden News](#) offers timely garden advice from University of Minnesota researchers and Extension educators. The [yard and garden resource website](#) provides in-depth information for Minnesota gardeners. Be sure to check out their pages to identify insects, plants and diseases, and to find tips on growing healthy vegetables!

### Join us!

Ramsey County Master Gardener volunteers are life-long learners with a love of gardening, a passion for the environment and a [desire to serve in their community](#). If that sounds like you, [apply to join the Master Gardener volunteer program](#) this summer.



## Summer garden information

### Thank you for shopping!

Thank you to everyone who shopped at the [spring plant sale](#)! Your contributions help us continue our community service projects in Ramsey County. Special thank you to the 116 people who donated a live plant to our [Gardens for Good](#) project, which aims to bring healthy food to people who need it.



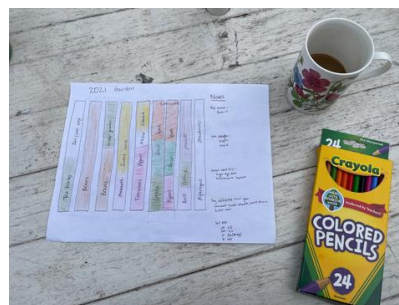
### Nominate your neighbors (Blooming Saint Paul)

The Blooming Saint Paul showcase highlights amazing gardens dedicated to enhancing the Saint Paul community through gardening.

[Nominate a garden](#) that inspires you before Friday, August 5!

### Start a garden journal

[Garden journaling](#) is growing in popularity with seasoned and "budding" gardeners alike, as it is a very useful tool for recording weather conditions, plant observations, pest issues, soil test results, crop rotation and more. Learn the basics to hone your gardening skills and better connect with nature.



### How to deadhead flowers

Learning a few simple [flower pruning techniques](#) can make your perennial garden the envy of your neighbors all summer long.

### Grow vegetables, flowers and herbs in containers

Do you have limited space to garden, or aspire to have a beautiful, lush balcony full of plants? This [video](#) highlights how to choose the best





plants, containers and soil for your space, and provides tips for keeping your plants healthy in a container environment.

## Restoring lawns after the 2021 drought

Now that our yards have greened up, are you noticing patches of dead grass in your lawn, left behind by last year's drought? Let's [make some repairs](#), upgrade our lawn management practices and be ready for whatever this summer brings.

## Plant vegetables in midsummer for fall harvest

After harvesting early-maturing vegetables such as salad greens, radishes, peas and spinach, gardeners can [plant other crops in midsummer](#)



for fall harvest. You can successfully grow some root crops, greens and other vegetables from late June, July or August plantings.

## Beneficial bugs

[Beneficial insects](#) help keep other insect populations down. By providing food and shelter for these helpers, they can keep your yard and garden relatively free from other insects that cause trouble.



## Weed of the Month: Teasel

The [Weed of the Month](#) is a series of articles about Minnesota noxious weeds produced by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture.

Stay informed about invasive plants this summer, starting with Common teasel and Cutleaf teasel.

## Garden resources and services

- [Ramsey County Master Gardeners 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 summer hours)
- [Ramsey County Recycling Ambassador Program](#)
- [Ramsey County Green Ramsey](#)
- [Ramsey County Urban Ag and Community Gardening](#)

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