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Ramsey County Master Gardeners

Garden advice through the seasons: Fall 2021



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Minnesota Fall

September 1 - November 30		
	Average temperature	Daylight
Season Start	77° F	13 Hours 17 Minutes
Season End	33° F	9 Hours 2 Minutes
Change	44° F decrease	4 hour 3 minute decrease

Fall events and opportunities

Ramsey County garden classes

Learn what you need to know about preparing your garden for winter, preserving food, growing microgreens, getting to know your houseplants and more. Due to the risk related to COVID-19, the Master

Gardeners will teach all classes online this fall.

[Find a class.](#)



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 be an accessible community resource for horticulture knowledge. [From demonstration gardens to school gardens, from classrooms to farmers markets](#), Master Gardeners are bringing about positive change in their communities. [Apply to join](#) the Master Gardener program.



Let's talk plants

Bring us your garden questions using [this online form](#). An Extension 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.

Yard and garden resources

The University of Minnesota Extension [yard and garden page](#) provides gardening practices for Minnesota gardeners, homeowners and hobbyists to grow healthy lawns, landscapes and gardens. Be sure to check out their pages to identify insects, plants and diseases, and to read tips on growing healthy vegetables!



Garden classes

Just because the growing season is ending doesn't mean you have to stop gardening. Learn more about Minnesota-hardy fruit, beekeeping, seed collection, nature appreciation, and outdoor photography from the great educators from the [University of Minnesota Extension](#), the [Minnesota Landscape Arboretum](#), and the [Minnesota Horticultural Society](#).

Fall garden information

Clearing your garden

Fall is an important [time to lay the seeds of success for next year's garden](#). By taking some time to clean up your garden and tools and make a plan for nutrient management, you can save yourself time and energy next spring. Also consider ways to [protect our local pollinators](#) during your fall clean-up.



Planting spring bulbs is easy

Spring-blooming bulbs like tulips, daffodils, crocus, grape hyacinth and snowdrops require the cold of winter to make them bloom next spring. Fall is the [best time to plant](#) them to prepare for a spring color

bonanza!

Do you really need to rake all those leaves?

The real answer to this question is NO but it comes with a catch. Find out [when you should remove the extra leaves in your yard](#).

Collecting and storing seeds

Whether you are part of the MN SEED's Native Plant Community Science Project, contributing to a local seed library or just storing from your own garden, [fall is a good time for collecting seed](#) in Minnesota from plants that are summer bloomers.



Fall lawn care

Fall is one of the best times to care for your lawn areas. From treating weeds to adding seeds, the cool weathers in the fall help your lawn plants get a head start for next year. However, the [continuing drought conditions put even the best efforts at risk](#) this year.

Preparing your trees for winter

Taking a little time to [prepare your woody plants](#) in the fall can help ensure that your trees and shrubs – especially any new plants you added to your garden this year – get through the winter safely.



Feeding birds could get pricey this year

The severe drought pummeling the West and the Great Plains is one key reason for an expected [spike in the cost of popular bird foods](#).

Garden resources and services

- [Ramsey County Master Gardeners website](#)
- [Ramsey County Master Gardeners on Facebook](#)
- [Ramsey County yard waste and food scraps drop-off locations](#) (check for fall hours)
- [Ask Extension online and phone services](#)
- [Sign up for University of Minnesota yard and garden news](#)
- [University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum garden tours and classes](#)
- [Minnesota Water Stewards](#)

- [University of Minnesota Tree Care Advocates](#)
- [Ramsey County Green Ramsey](#)

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