



RAMSEY COUNTY

Master Gardener News

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University of Minnesota Extension has a new website!

June marked the launch of a new look on the web for the University of Minnesota Extension. More mobile and electronic device friendly, you'll still be able to find all of the yard and garden information you'll need to successfully grow a beautiful and sustainable

garden. Check out the [new website](#) and click around!

Don't forget to browse the Master Gardener information under the "Connect" tab and "Volunteer" link. You'll find the [ASK A MASTER GARDENER link](#)- an area to email questions and upload photos to be answered by the Master Gardeners within 48 hours. You'll find this phone number, too: 612-301-7590. Master Gardeners would love to answer your gardening questions!

Japanese Beetles....oh no!

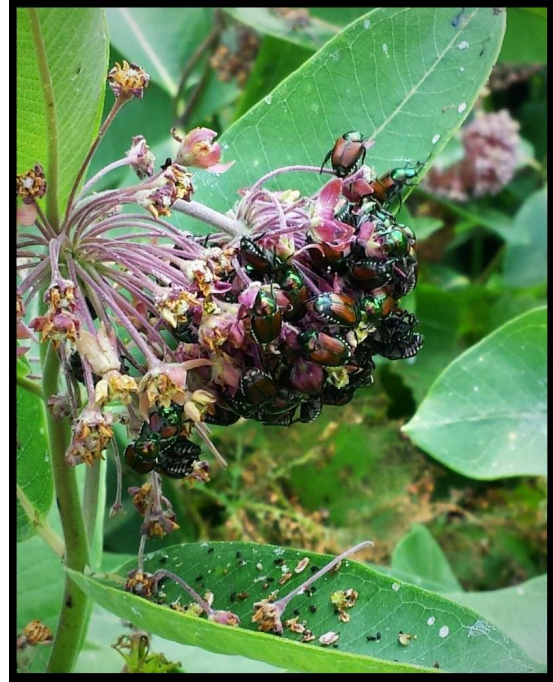
About this time of year, folks are usually experiencing Japanese beetle damage on their favorite plants. It's a discouraging and often overwhelming discovery. What to do, when to do it? According to [University of Minnesota Extension Entomologist Jeff Hahn](#), "Sadly, Japanese beetles are back for another summer of mayhem." Click on the link above for Jeff's advice. Depending your philosophy for treating plants for bug damage, you'll find suggestions that range from non-chemical approaches to pesticides that work. As always, READ the LABEL, IT's the LAW, on any chemical solutions you decide to try and factor in that some are more harmful to pollinators than others.

Here is another [helpful link](#) to get you started thinking about strategies to manage these pests in your yard and garden.



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Farmers Markets in Ramsey County

Farmers Markets are a great way to enjoy seasonal vegetables and fruits, stretch your food dollars, eat healthier, and support Minnesota farmers. You'll find the latest information on farmers markets at the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's web page: [Minnesota Grown.](#)

Ramsey County Master Gardeners visit 9 markets regularly throughout the growing season. For more information on where you'll find us and when, [click here](#) and click under Information Booths. Find us at other events by using the calendar below.



Ramsey County Master Gardener Diagnostic Clinic

Have a garden question? Need to identify a plant or house pest? **The Diagnostic Clinic, located at 2020 White Bear Ave. in Maplewood,** is open to the public from now until the end of September.

Clinic Hours:

June, July and August: Wednesdays, 11 am to 1 pm AND 6 pm to 8 pm.

June and July: Saturdays, 9 am to 1 pm.

August: 11 am to 1 pm.

For the month of September: Wednesdays and Saturdays, 11 am to 1 pm.

Please bring samples or good quality photos to the clinic to aid us in our diagnostic efforts. Call 651-704-2053 for clinic information.

Ramsey County "Barn Garden" Demonstration Gardens

Stop by our Extension office at the Barn, 2020 White Bear Ave. and take a look at our demonstration gardens. We have container gardens, pollinator gardens, veggie seed trials, raised bed gardens, Hmong vegetables and herbs, and a newly planted rain garden. You might discover some ideas for your own garden! Stop by during diagnostic clinic hours and

you might be able to meet some Master Gardeners working on the garden area or in the clinic.



The Barn Demonstration Gardens, 2017 and 2018

Visit Frogtown Park and Farm for [Market Saturdays!](#)

Enjoy a visit to [Frogtown Park and Farm](#) on from 10 am to 1 pm. on Saturdays. Organic produce, food and fun activities for the whole family!



Ramsey County Master Gardeners plant a new demonstration rain garden at our home, "The Barn", 2020 White Bear Ave, Maplewood, MN 55109

Become a Ramsey County Master Gardener!

Ramsey County Master Gardener volunteers educate residents on University research-based, eco-friendly gardening to improve our physical and environmental health.

Contact auss0004@umn.edu for more information on how to join the Ramsey County Master Gardener organization as a volunteer. Application materials are now available for the winter intern class of 2019.



Calendar: Community Events, Information Booths and more!

[View our full calendar.](#)

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