

Ramsey County Master Gardeners

Garden Advice Through The Seasons

# SPRING

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Upcoming Events & Opportunities

### **COVID -19 Notice**

**All in-person Extension-sponsored events and classes are canceled starting Monday, March 16, through Tuesday, March 31. [Read More](#)**

## Upcoming Garden Classes - April / May / June

**Please be sure to contact the sponsor of the class to make sure that it is still in session.**

Come learn what you need to know about growing vegetables, planting flowers for native pollinators, and more. [Find a class](#)

## Recycling Ambassador Program - Survey ends March 31

Ramsey County is developing a Recycling Ambassador program. Help develop how this new program will be executed by taking a brief survey. [Provide Feedback](#)

## Ramsey County Master Gardener's Plant Sale - May 30

Save the date for this yearly plant sale hosted by the Ramsey County Master Gardeners. Annuals, perennials, natives, vegetables, and more. [Read More](#)

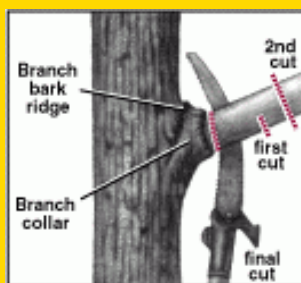
## Soil Testing - Open Year Round

A soil test will provide recommendations for improving your soil conditions based on the type soil you have and on what you want to grow - whether that's lawns, vegetables, trees, or more. [Learn More](#) and [Test Your Soil](#)

## Home Compost Bin Sale - Save \$20

Order online at [RecycleMinnesota.org](http://RecycleMinnesota.org) and enter promo code "**Ramsey**" to receive the discounted price, or call (651) 641-4589 and mention that you are a Ramsey County resident. Pre-ordered bins can be picked up on May 2. [Order One Today](#)

## Spring Garden Information



### Plan to Prune

March and early April are the prime times to prune most trees and woody shrubs. Pruning your trees and shrubs will help them grow better, with better resiliency against weather damage and more flowers in the case of some plants. Or join the Master Gardeners for one of their classes about Pruning Trees & Shrubs.

[Learn More](#) or [See Class Schedule](#)



### Seed Starting

If you plan to grow tomatoes, eggplant, or peppers this year, March is the time to start. Warm-weather vegetables like these need extra growing time in order to fruit this summer. Starting seeds indoors is a great way to kick-off your garden season. [Learn More](#)



### Lawns-to-Legumes Program

Want to create more pollinator habitat in your yard this spring? The state-funded Lawns to Legumes program will provide funding and recommendations to turn your lawn into bee habitat.

Applications are being accepted through February 28.

**[Learn More](#)**



**Get Involved with Nature's Network**

Join this Citizen Science effort to help track some of MN's important species: Red Maple, Monarch butterfly, Ruby-Throated Hummingbird, common Loon, Eastern Bluebird, common Lilac, and Tamarack trees. **[Learn More](#)**



**Spring Lawn Preparation**

MN lawns flourish in the cool temperatures of spring. As we get into the swing of things with the growing season, here are several considerations for lawn care practices this spring.

**[Learn More](#)**



**How Water Moves Through Soil**

With the changing of the season comes melting snow and spring rains. As the Land of 10,000 Lakes (actually 11,842), water is essential to our way of life. Learn about how water movement through soil. Soil scientists call this "soil hydrology." **[Learn More](#)**



**Transplant Your Houseplants**

As the days get longer, the sunlight gets stronger, and the temperatures start to rise, many houseplants break dormancy and start to grow again after a winter resting. Spring is a great time to transplant your houseplants so they are ready to thrive during the warmer months ahead. **[Read More](#)**



# 2020 PLANT SALE

Hosted by Ramsey County Master Gardeners  
Saturday, May 30, 8 AM – 2 PM

## Garden Resources & Services

### Master Gardeners On Facebook

Follow Ramsey County Master Gardeners on Facebook for updates about local events, interesting researching, and timely garden suggestions. [Find us on Facebook](#)

### Food Scrap Drop-off Sites

Keep composting through the winter to keep food scraps out of our landfills. [Find a Location Near You](#)

### Ask A Garden Expert Online & Phone Services

The University of Minnesota Extension program's Ask-An-Expert can help you answer your garden-related question by phone or using an online form. [Ask An Expert Now](#)

### Yard and Garden News

The Yard and Garden News from the University of Minnesota Extension Consumer Horticulture Team features current, research-based information and best practices important to Minnesota gardeners. [Subscribe Today](#)



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