

Ramsey County Master Gardeners

Garden Advice Through The Seasons

FALL 2019

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Opportunities & Events offered by Master Gardeners

Upcoming Garden Classes - September/ October/November

Ramsey County Master Gardeners will be teaching residents about caring for houseplants, growing microgreens, and home composting in the coming weeks. Classes are often hosted by public libraries and community education programs. Registration is required. [Find a class.](#)

Apply to Become a Master Gardener by October 1

Join us in 2020 by applying online before October 1, 2019. Master Gardeners are volunteers who receive education about University research-based, eco-friendly gardening information and then share that information with residents.

[Click here to apply](#)

Botanical Bonanza - October 5th & 6th

Celebrate the fascinating world of plants at the Bell Museum. Come explore some unique uses for botanical items, discover UMN research into how plants grow and evolve, and learn more about their hidden (and sometimes dangerous) side. Ramsey County Master Gardeners will have information about some of the more dangerous plants in Minnesota. [Read More](#)

Save the Rusty-Patched Bumble Bees of the Ponds at Battle Creek Golf Course - November 25

Working with the citizen-science group, [Bumble Bee Watch](#), Ramsey County Master Gardeners confirmed sightings of the Rusty-Patched Bumble Bees on the Battle Creek Golf Course grounds. This site features increasingly rare native plant communities and the countless vertebrates and invertebrates but it is at risk of closure. You can help save this site by voicing your concerns.

[Read about the County decision here](#)

[Read about the Ponds of Battle Creek Golf Course here](#)

[Register to comment at the November 25 Public Hearing](#)

Fall Garden Information & Suggestions



Meet the New MN State Bee

Meet Minnesota's new state bee: The Rusty-Patched Bumble Bee, an endangered species you might be able to see in your own backyard. Once found all over the north-east parts of the United States, now Minnesota is one of the only places this bee can be found. [Learn More](#)

You can protect the Rusty-Patched Bumble Bee and other native pollinators in your yard and garden with these fall cleaning tips from the University of Minnesota. [Watch now](#) And you can help protect a local Rusty-Patched Bumble Bee habitat at The Ponds at Battle Creek Golf Course. [Sign the Petition](#).



America's Missing Birds

According to a new study released in the journal *Science*, [3 billion](#) birds have been lost due to habitat loss, pesticides, and other causes since 1970. That can mean a lot of changes to our ecosystem. [Learn More](#)

Want to help the birds that live in and migrate through your neighborhood? Consider adding some of these plants to your yard and garden. [Plants For Birds](#)



Choosing the Best Apples

There are so many apples to choose from in Minnesota! Sweet or tart? For eating or pies? What's in season this month? Find your perfect apple with the new apple guide from *Minnesota Grown*. [Pick Your Perfect Apple](#)



Wicked Plants @ the Bell Museum

Meet Amy Stewart and get your copy of Wicked Plants: The Weed that Killed Lincoln's Mother and other Botanical Atrocities signed at this special event on Thursday, September 26, 2019 from 7-9pm. Tickets cost \$25. [Get tickets now](#)



Protecting Your Plants for Winter

Between the cold temperatures, howling winds, heavy snows, and scavenging animals, Minnesota winter can cause severe damage to landscape plants. Giving trees, shrubs, and perennial plants a little extra care in the fall can make a world of difference in the spring. [Learn More](#)



Fall Color Finder

Fall in Minnesota is one of the joys of the year. With the temperatures cooling, the trees are preparing for winter with a stunning display. [Find a Park with a View](#) The map is updated by noon every Thursday in September and October.



Plant Spring Bulbs in the Fall

Winter is coming but you can plant spring bulbs like tulips and daffodils (and garlic!) until the ground freezes. UMN Educator Julie Weisenhorn goes through the steps of basic bulb planting and explains how you can stagger spring bulbs so you'll have varying heights and constant blooms all spring

long. [Learn More](#)



Get a Compost Bin for your Home

Compost bins are now sold year-round with a pick-up location in Maplewood. The compost bins are \$64 plus tax though Ramsey County residents can get an additional \$20 off. Order online at [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. Then call Ramsey County Environmental Health at 651-266-1199 to arrange a pick-up time. [Order Online Here](#)



Ramsey County Master Gardener Services



Yard Waste Sites

Ramsey County operates seven yard waste collection sites for your fall yard clean-up. You can drop off branches (trees and shrubs), leaves, grass clippings and Organics Recycling. Master Gardeners will be on-site most Saturdays through mid-October to answer your garden questions.

[Find a Location Near You](#)

Master Gardeners Online

Want more yard and garden information from Ramsey County Master Gardeners? Follow us on Facebook for updates about local events, interesting researching, and timely garden suggestions.

[Find us on Facebook](#)



Plant & Pest Diagnostic Clinic

Master Gardeners will answer your garden questions at the Diagnostic Clinic in Maplewood. For best results, bring plant/insect samples or good-quality photos with you to the clinic. The clinic is open to the public from now until the end of September. [Check hours](#)

Ask a Master Gardener Online & Phone Services

If you can't come in person, you can still get help for your garden questions using the Ask-A-Master Gardener tool from Extension Services. Questions can be submitted by phone or using an online form. [Ask a Master Gardener now](#)



Garden Classes

Want to learn more about caring for your garden or ways you can help the environment? Take a class taught by Ramsey County Master Gardeners. Classes are often hosted by public libraries and community education programs. [Find a class](#)

Want a Master Gardener to teach a class for your business, community, or social group?

[Contact us to ask about topics and availability.](#)

Community Events and Activities

To learn about other garden-related events in your community, take a look at the Ramsey County Master Gardeners' public

[calendar of Upcoming Events and Activities](#)



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