



master gardener connection

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Help Needed to Reach Residents About the Japanese Beetle

By Cassie Knavel, Outreach Specialist for the Washington State Department of Agriculture



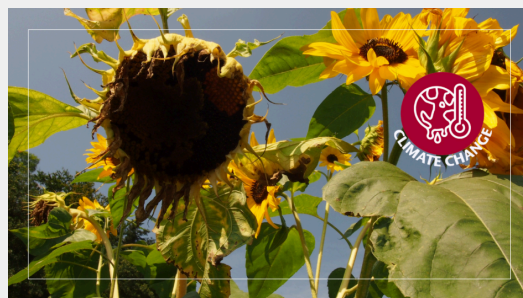
The Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) is working to protect your community from an emerging invasive species with a multi-year eradication project. WSDA is planning to treat public and private properties for Japanese beetles with insecticide applications in King County in 2026.

WSDA needs your help to reach residents in our area and ensure they give consent for these treatments! Read more below to learn how you can help spread the word about this important effort.

[Read About the Eradication Project](#)

Learn to Adapt Your Landscape to a Warmer, Drier Climate

By Extension Master Gardener Sharon O'Grady



Join the Kenmore Climate Action Team on April 18 for a meet and greet followed by an afternoon of science-based presentations relevant to home gardeners. You'll be able to attend three individual talks given by WSU Extension King County Master Gardeners with tips on how to adapt your landscape to our changing conditions, including:

- Climate Ready Plants with EMG Molly van der Burch
- Why Pollinator & Beneficial Insects are Crucial for a Health Garden and Ecosystem with EMG Sue Melgaard
- The Resilient Yard: Battling Climate Change at Home with EMG Alma Cardenas

This is an event you won't want to miss! Learn more and register below.

[Register Now](#)

Spring Garden Tips with PNW Garden Savvy



By Extension Master Gardener Janile Martin

As the days get longer, the garden calls us to be outdoors and start working. PNW Garden Savvy's

March classes are geared toward providing information to help your efforts be more successful.

Join PNW Garden Savvy on Saturday mornings to help improve your spring garden. These classes will be recorded and available for later viewing.

[Learn More About the March Classes](#)

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Extension Master Gardeners Enhance Pollinator Tip Sheet

By Extension Master Gardener Carrie Hill



Do you know about the WSU Extension King County Master Gardener tip sheets? There are 15 total tip sheets, each just two pages long. They are intended to provide quick, research-based information to the community on subjects of interest—everything from tomatoes to lawns to houseplants.

Extension Master Gardeners have just updated tip sheet 12, Pollinator-Friendly Gardening. The update adds several new helpful items, including a plant list. Read more below to learn about the changes, plus learn how Extension Master Gardeners can earn continuing education credit for reviewing the material.

[Learn More About the Tip Sheet](#)

Fire-Resistant Plants for Home Landscapes

A PNW EXTENSION PUBLICATION
Fire-resistant Plants
for Home Landscapes



By Extension Master Gardener Carrie Hill

A new publication is available for gardeners looking to learn more about fire-resistant gardening. "Fire-resistant Plants for Home Landscapes" is now available from Pacific Northwest Extension Publishing. It includes gardening practices to reduce fire risk including plant selection, placement, maintenance, and mulching. It also includes a listing of over 150 recommended plants.

This publication will be added to WSU Extension King County Master Gardener clinic boxes for the 2026 season. To learn more about the publication, including how Extension Master Gardeners can earn continuing education credit for reviewing it, read more below.

[Learn More About the Publication](#)



Elisabeth C. Miller Library Selection: What Gardeners Grow

Leafing through the pages of any popular gardening magazine, you'll find authors extolling their favorite plant. Scale that up to a whole book of top picks and you have "What

Gardeners Grow: 600 Plants Chosen by the World's Greatest Plantspeople."

Helpful Links

Browse our gardening tip sheets.

[Garden Tip Sheets](#)

Some tip sheets are available in six languages.

[Translated Tip Sheets](#)

This is quite unlike any other title in the Miller Library collection. There are over 200 authors. Each bringing their own voice to describing their choicest garden plant. Or, in some cases, two or three favorites. A light hand of editing allows the writers to extol, rant, describe in detail, or rely on esthetic impressions – much like you'd expect in a casual conversation with your NHS buddies.

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Gardening Education

Classes presented by Extension Master Gardeners and partners of the Master Gardener Foundation of King County

Find more gardening classes!

Visit our [Education](#) page to find more horticulture and home gardening classes available to the public from our Growing Groceries and PNW Garden Savvy series.

Need Master Gardener CE?

Extension Master Gardeners can visit our [Volunteer Portal](#) page for a full list of approved content eligible for credit toward annual continuing education requirements.

Growing Fruits and Berries

Presented by Marni Sorin, Tilth Alliance
March 5 at 6 p.m. | In Person
[Learn more and register here.](#)

Container Gardening 101

Presented by Alex Soleil, Tilth Alliance
March 5 at 6 p.m. | Webinar
[Learn more and register here.](#)

Rain Gardens: Turning Yards into Stormwater Solutions

Presented by Roseann Barnhill and Savannah Jane Duncan, Washington Native Plant Society
March 5 at 7 p.m. | In Person
[Learn more and register here.](#)

PNW Garden Savvy: Go Native – Get To Know Your Native PNW Bulbs

Presented by Sean McManus, horticulturist and Allison McManus, science teacher
March 7 at 9:30 a.m. | Virtual
[Learn more and register here.](#)

Growing Groceries: Evaluating Soil, Soil Tests, and Interpreting Results

Presented by Jay Mirro, King Conservation District Senior Resource Planner

March 11 at 7 p.m. | Virtual

[Learn more and register here.](#)

Lichen Walk

Presented by Dr. Katherine Glew, Bellevue Botanical Garden

March 13 at 10 a.m. | In Person

[Learn more and register here.](#)

Fundamentals of Organic Gardening

Presented by Marni Sorin, Tilth Alliance

March 14 at 10 a.m. | In Person

[Learn more and register here.](#)

All About Pollinators

Presented by Megan Weldon, King Conservation District

March 18 at 6 p.m. | Virtual

[Learn more and register here.](#)

High Yield, Small Space Organic Gardening

Presented by Christy Wilhelmi, Northwest Horticultural Society

March 18 at 6:30 p.m. | Virtual

[Learn more and register here.](#)

PNW Garden Savvy: Introduction to Pruning with Plant Amnesty

Presented by Kristin Jackson, Plant Amnesty Executive Director

March 21 at 9:30 a.m. | Virtual

[Learn more and register here.](#)

A Garden of Useful Spaces

Presented by Sue Goetz, Bellevue Botanical Garden

March 26 at 7 p.m. | Virtual

[Learn more and register here.](#)

Pruning and Propagating for the Edible Garden

Presented by Marni Sorin, Tilth Alliance

March 28 at 10 a.m. | In Person

[Learn more and register here.](#)

Contributing to Master Gardener Connection

Do you have content you'd like to submit for this newsletter? For more information about the process, or to submit items for consideration, contact Master Gardener Connection Editor Kayah Swanson at kayah.swanson@mgfkc.org.

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We acknowledge that we are gathered on the sacred lands occupied by the Coast Salish Peoples since time immemorial. We give thanks to the Duwamish, Muckleshoot, Snoqualmie, Stillaguamish, Suquamish, and Tulalip Tribes for sharing their ancestral lands and watersheds with us, and we embrace our responsibility to steward them for future generations. As WSU volunteers, we also recognize that the Morrill Act of 1862 established land-grant institutions by providing each state with “public” and federal lands, which are traced back to the dispossession of Indigenous lands.



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