



CCE Master Gardener's of Glenn County Newsgram

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Plant Clinic

Master gardeners are getting questions from the public and we are doing our best to help. There has been 3 calls recently about landscape trees. One call was from someone who had 12 of the red leaved plum trees. Two trees had borers which can easily move from tree to tree. There isn't much that can be done with a tree that has been attacked by a lot of borers. This demonstrates why it is not a good practice to plant several of the same tree species close together. One pest can result in losing several trees.

One other question was about raywood ash. Many raywood ash trees are showing the effects of ash decline. Raywood ash is now on a tree species that is recommended to not plant.



Borers in a red leaved plum tree.

Raywood ash showing the effects of ash decline.



Seeds from China

USDA is aware that people across the country have received suspicious, unsolicited packages of seed that appear to be coming from China. If people receive seeds they did not order, the package should not be opened, planted or destroyed. Contact the County Agriculture Department and they will collect the seeds.

At this time, USDA doesn't have any evidence indicating this is something other than a "brushing scam" where people receive unsolicited items from a seller who then posts false customer reviews to boost sales. USDA is currently collecting seed packages from recipients and will test their contents and determine if they contain anything that could be of concern to U.S. agriculture or the environment.

In Glenn County the Agriculture Department can be reached at 530-934-6501 or email agcommr@countyofglenn.net



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Master Gardener Business

Monthly Meetings

Monthly Meeting on August 5 at 1:00. Zoom call information We will be using the same information for all of our monthly meeting calls.

Meeting ID 924 2061 2190 Passcode 241917

Insurance Payment

Active Master Gardeners are required to pay \$6 fee each year for insurance. You can mail a check to the office in Orland or you can drop off a check. The UCCE office is not open to the public but there is a drop box in front of the office you can use. Make checks payable to UC Regents.

The UCCE has a blanket accident insurance program to cover volunteers. The insurance covers volunteers when they are participating in or attending a sanctioned event. Volunteers are covered traveling to or from and activity or meeting and traveling between home and meetings and events. Except if an auto injury.

Reappointment

All of the Glenn County Master Gardeners completed reappointment and are continuing to be active members.

UCCE Office Status

Due to Glenn County being on the State's Monitoring List the UCCE office has returned to Stage 1 remote work status. The office is closed to the public but the public can contact the offices by phone or email. Master Gardeners should not be going into the office. Work in the demonstration can be done but it is limited to one employee at a time in the garden.

Online Master Gardener Classes

On the statewide UC Master Gardener website, under the events tab, there is a list of events that County programs are hosting. There are a variety of events including a 2 part online class about growing fall and winter vegetables hosted by El Dorado County.

<http://mg.ucanr.edu/Events/>

