



University of California

Agriculture and Natural Resources

UCCE Master Gardener Program

San Mateo & San Francisco Counties

EVENTS

HELPLINE IN SAN FRANCISCO



San Francisco Botanical Garden

Library of Horticulture
1199 9th Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94122
Wednesdays, 10:30am-2:00pm

Wonder why a plant is not thriving? Have a pest problem? The San Francisco Botanical Garden has partnered with the UCCE Master Gardener Program of San Mateo & San Francisco Counties to bring you this free service to help with your own garden. Stop by the Garden's Library of Horticulture on Wednesdays from 10:30am-

2:00pm and ask us your questions! Please do not bring any plant sample, photos only. Thank you!

ELKUS RANCH SUMMER DAY CAMP

Join us for Summer Camp 2019 at UC Elkus Ranch Environmental Education Center! Kids 6-11 years old can spend the day at the ranch learning how to care for our livestock animals, cook using produce from our gardens, make crafts, learn about environmental stewardship, and much more! Monday-Friday, 9:00am-3:00pm. Sign up for one day or the whole week!

Sessions available: July 29-August 2, and August 5-9, 2019. Only \$70 per child, per day.

Questions? Please contact Elkus Ranch at elkusranch@ucanr.edu or (650) 712-3151. For more information, visit their [website](#).



GARDENING TIPS

PLANT PROBLEM DIAGNOSTIC TOOL

Choose the affected plant from photos displayed, click on the photo, remove any selections that do not apply, click on the plant names, and continue to filter selections to view the results for a possible diagnoses. [Learn more](#).

GARDENING RESOURCES

Select links to access gardening resources, California Backyard Orchard, Integrated Pest Management (IPM), publications, and finding a local Master Gardener program. [Learn more](#).

ARBORETUM ALL-STARS

Do you need help picking plants for your sustainable home garden? Selecting from the "Arboretum All-Stars" list is an easy way to start making "green" choices for your great looking garden. Arboretum All-Stars are top plants recommended by the horticultural staff of the UC Davis Arboretum. They thrive in California's Mediterranean climate and have qualities that make them great choices for sustainable home gardens. Use a [searchable plant database](#) to pick the perfect All-Star for your garden conditions. For more information, view their [website](#).

OUR WATER OUR WORLD created a product list intended to help stores participating in their program to stock less-toxic products that are compatible with Integrated Pest Management (IPM). The list is also intended to help consumers identify products that will help them manage pests with minimum risk to themselves, their family, pets, and environment. The product list does not include all less-toxic types or active ingredients; only those most commonly available to, or used by, consumers for pest prevention and less-toxic control. View the [document](#), or



visit their [website](#) for more information.

YOUTUBE VIDEOS

Dealing With Aphids: Pest Control Tips & How To Protect Your Plants



APHID CONTROL

Aphids are one of the most common garden pests, infesting and weakening our crops while spreading plant diseases. As a gardener you have the power to fight back using organic, nature-friendly techniques to banish aphids from your garden. In this short video we'll share five simple but highly effective ways to bring this bothersome bug under control. [View video.](#)

SUMMER PRUNING

Summer pruning maintains a tree's shape and size (keeps them small), encourages fruit on lower branches, allows more sunlight and air circulation into a tree to ripen and color up fruit, prevents branches loaded with fruit from snapping, prevents diseases and pests, and controls fungal problems in apricot and cherry trees. [View video.](#)



[View more videos](#) created by the UC Master Gardeners of San Mateo and San Francisco Counties.

FREE CLASSES & CLINICS



Citrus Care and Maintenance

Veterans Memorial Senior Center
1455 Madison Avenue, Goldstar Room
Redwood City, CA
September 7, 2019, 10:00am-12:00pm

In this class you will learn how to choose the right plant suited for your microclimate, select the best site and time for planting, and maintain and troubleshoot common problems and diseases. [Registration required.](#)



Art and Science of Succulents

Lyngso Garden Materials, Inc.
345 Shoreway Road
San Carlos, CA
August 17, 2019, 10:00am-12:00pm

Through presentation, demonstrations and audience discussion, participants will examine succulents in nature and in cultivation, explore the science of growing succulents including planting location, soil mixes and amendments, water, light, repotting and propagation, diseases and pests, and horticultural forms and oddities. You will be encouraged to use sustainable gardening practices, analyze the characteristics of some of the more common succulent genera including Sedum, Euphorbia, Aeonium, Echeveria, Cotyledon, Crassula, Kalanchoe, Agave, Haworthia and Aloe, provide examples of garden design, container gardening and creative ways to display succulents. [Registration required.](#)



Homegrown Herbs Made Easy

Gardening Education Center
San Mateo Event Center (next to the Jockey Club)
2495 South Delaware Avenue
San Mateo, CA, 94403
August 17, 2019, 10:30am-12:30pm

Join us to learn the basics of growing and enjoying herbs in your home garden. We'll talk about herbs throughout history, in the wild, as pollinator plants, in the landscape, and in the kitchen. Selected herbs will be highlighted and discussed in depth. Plus we'll share tips on cultivation, propagation, storage methods, preparation, and preservation. [Registration required](#) (\$10 materials fee).

Year-Round Edible Garden - Winter 2019

Gardening Education Center
San Mateo Event Center (next to the Jockey Club)
2495 South Delaware Avenue
San Mateo, CA, 94403
August 24, 2019, 10:30am-12:30pm

Our mild Mediterranean climate allows us to easily grow vegetables year-round. This class will help you focus on the wonderful fresh garden vegetables that you can enjoy in the winter by using the Planting Calendars for San Mateo and San Francisco Counties available for downloading from the Master Gardener website. You will learn to sequence your planting schedule and choose winter edibles. We will "crack" and plant certified seed garlic, learn how to grow potatoes in pots, and discuss details of growing onions. A hands-on exercise will teach you how to make and use low tunnels for season extension. Guests will take home an edible seedling ready for their home garden, grown by UC Master Gardeners. [Registration required](#) (\$10 materials fee).



San Francisco 30th Street Plant Clinic

225 30th Street (between Church/Dolores)
San Francisco, CA
August 10, 2019, 10:00am-12:00pm

Master Gardeners are available to answer your plant and gardening questions, ranging from general information to advice about specific problems. Parking is limited. When you arrive at the Senior Center, take the elevator to the 3rd floor and ask for directions to the garden. It is all the way down the hallway and out the back door. No registration required.

San Mateo Arboretum Plant Clinic

Kohl Pump House
101 9th Avenue
San Mateo, CA
August 4, 2019, 11:00am-2:00pm

From a table stocked with reference material, we help members of the public with their plant and gardening questions. If we are unable to answer your question, we will submit it to our Helpline for assistance. No registration required.

[View Entire Calendar of Events](#)

HELPLINE

Ask a UC Master Gardener! Our Helpline assists home gardeners with questions about gardening and pest management. Visit us in three locations at (1) Elkus Ranch, 1500 Purisima Creek Road in Half Moon Bay, from 9:00am to 4:00pm on Mondays; (2) Veterans Memorial Senior Center, 1455 Madison Avenue in Redwood City, from 9:00am to 4:00pm on Thursdays, and (3) at the San Francisco Botanical Garden Library, 1199 9th Avenue in San Francisco, from 10:30am to 2:00pm on Wednesdays. You can also contact us at (650) 276-7403 or by [email](#). For more information view our [website](#) or read more about the [Helpline](#).



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