



March 2024 Merced Master Gardeners Public Newsletter

Upcoming Events

- **Sat, March 16, 2024- No Room for a Vegetable Garden... Try CONTAINERS! Public Workshop from 10:00 -11:30 am**

Join us Saturday March 16,2024 to hear Tom Dinwoodie, Merced Master Gardener present a free community workshop on Container Vegetable Gardening. You will learn:

- Veggies that grow well in containers
- Choosing container size, color and material
- Choosing the best potting mix or garden soil
- Transplants or seeds - easy and tricky
- Watering fertilizer, and IPM
- Growing tips for root crops, tomatoes, squash and more

Workshop held at Merced College AG/IT Building. [Pre-register Online Here](#) Or by emailing anrmgmerced@ucanr.edu by **10 am. Friday, March 15** to receive map to classroom and parking. * Free event - Donations Accepted

- **Sat, March 23, 2024** Master Gardeners Volunteers will be assisting the Merced Grange with their 9th annual **Plant Give and Take** at St. Patrick's church parking lot at 671 E Yosemite Ave, Merced. Free Admission. Rain or Shine.
 - Drop off and line up starts at 8:30 am. Event starts at 9am-10:30am
 - Drop off your extra bulbs, plants, seeds, etc.at 8:30am.
 - Line up to collect free new plants, bulbs, and seeds. Starting at 9am.
 - For more information [click here:](#)
- **Sat, May 11, 2024 –Drip Irrigation: Containers- Landscape- Garden & Orchard.** Join us for this free community workshop. Details to follow.
- **Wed June 5, 2024- Sun June 9- Master Gardeners at the Merced County Fair-** Come visit our education booth, information booth, and demonstration garden.
- **Sat, June 8, 2024 - Pest Management in the Veggie Garden: A Non-chemical Approach.**



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Do you have questions about your garden plants, trees, or pests?

- **Something in your garden or home bugging you?**
- **Do your roses have strange spots?**
- **Is something eating your tomatoes?**
- **Are there little flies on your irises?**

Contact our Merced County **Master Gardener's Helpline** to get answers to your garden challenges and pest problems.

- **Send an email** to anrmgmerced@ucanr.edu.
 - Give a description of the issue, attach photos of impacted plant(s) and pests, and provide your name and phone number.
- **Call 209-385-7403** and ask to leave a message for the Master Gardener Helpline.
- **Bring in a specimen.**
 - Place a sample of a plant or insect in a sealed, labeled plastic bag.
 - Write a short note addressed to the Merced Master Gardeners giving a description of the issue and providing your contact email and phone number.
 - Drop off at the front desk of the Merced County Cooperative Extension office at 2145 Wardrobe Avenue in Merced. [Directions](#)

*Please note that our Helpline is staffed by volunteers, and it may take several days for us to reply to your question. Thank you for your patience.