



UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA ONLINE GARDENING GUIDES

The University of California's Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources (UCANR) is the bridge between local agricultural issues and the power of UC research. ANR advisors, specialists, and faculty bring practical, science-based answers to Californians.

Placer County gardeners can tap in to this vast reservoir of information at the following ANR websites:

Placer County Master Gardeners

<http://pcmg.ucanr.org>

This is the go-to site to get information and help from Placer County master gardeners.

The mission of UC Master Gardener volunteers is to extend research-based gardening and composting information to the public. They strive to present accurate, impartial information to local gardeners so they have the knowledge to make informed gardening decisions in regard to plant choices, soil fertility, pest management, irrigation practices, and more.

- Drought Advice page with tips for gardening during a drought
- Over 200 articles on topics ranging from Vegetable Gardening in Placer County to Gardening Basics, plus a free downloadable vegetable planting guide
- Public Events Calendar with dates and locations of gardening workshops and Ask-a-Master-Gardener events
- Master Gardener 13-month Wall Calendar (order information)
- Composting Information
- Pest Notes
- Curious Gardener Newsletter
- **Got Questions?**
You can now submit your gardening question online. Simply complete the online form, and a Placer County Master Gardener will answer your question by email or phone.

The California Garden Web

<http://cagardenweb.ucdavis.edu>

The California Garden Web is the portal to UC's vast collection of research-based information about gardening.

The California Garden Web focuses on sustainable gardening practices and uses a question and answer format to present solutions. An online blog highlights gardening issues pertaining to the season.

Website content by topic:

- Drought
- Flowers
- Gardening Basics
- Gardening Classes & Events
- Glossary of Gardening Terms
- Growing Berries in Your Backyard
- Growing Grapes (table, wine, raisins) in Your Backyard
- Indoor Plants
- Landscape Trees, Shrubs, & Perennial Vines
- Lawns
- Links to UC Master Gardener Programs by County
- Nut & Fruit Trees & Grape Vines
- Poisonous Plants
- Vegetables
- What is my climate zone?
- Advice to Grow By - Ask Us!

The California Backyard Orchard

<http://homeorchard.ucdavis.edu/>

This website provides access to UC fact sheets and other UC publications relating to fruits and nuts grown in the backyard.

It also provides information for backyard gardeners and consumers about UC research, contacts, courses, publications, news, and events related to backyard and consumer fruit and nut crop issues.

Also listed are worthwhile links to organizations and industries which complement UC to provide a complete resource for backyard gardeners.

Website content by topic:

- Why Have an Orchard?
- Joys and considerations as you plan your orchard.
- The Big Picture: Concepts and processes you'll want to consider when developing your orchard.
- Fruits & Nuts: Growing recommendations and links for 24 fruit and nut trees.
- Master Gardeners: Need local help? Find it here.
- Calendars: You'll find maintenance and event calendars here.
- Glossary: Explanations of terms used on this site.
- Links: Additional websites with fruit and nut tree information.
- About this site: Site updates, philosophy, funding.

Weed ID and Control

<http://wric.ucdavis.edu/>

Got a weed but don't know what it is or what to do about it?

UC's Weed Research and Information Center features a Weed ID toolbar that will help you identify common weeds. The site also describes strategies for controlling weeds in landscapes and gardens—both chemical and non-chemical methods.

IPM—Integrated Pest Management

<http://ipm.ucdavis.edu/>

You'll find a wealth of information to help you identify household and garden pests and manage them with environmentally sound methods.

IPM focuses on long-term prevention of pests or their damage by managing the ecosystem. Rather than simply eliminating the pests you see right now, using IPM means you'll look at environmental factors that affect the pest and its ability to thrive. Armed with this information, you can create conditions that are unfavorable for the pest.

On the **Home, garden, turf, and landscape pests** page, you'll find:

Help on identifying your pest—choose a plant to find the most likely source of your pest problem

- Flowers
- Fruit trees, nuts, berries, and grapevines
- Lawns and turf—including comprehensive lawn guide
- Trees and shrubs—including roses and other ornamentals
- Vegetables and melons

Detailed information on common pests

- Birds, mammals, and reptiles
- Insects, mites, mollusks, and nematodes
- Plant diseases
- Weeds:
http://ipm.ucdavis.edu/PMG/weeds_intro.html
- Management methods, including pesticides and biological control.

Pest Notes about specific pests or pest management practices for home gardeners:
<http://ipm.ucdavis.edu/PDF/PESTNOTES/>

Pesticides and alternatives

- Pesticides in homes and landscapes
- Alternatives to pesticides
- Biological control

ANR Resources

[UCANR Lawn & Garden Publications](#)

UC's Agriculture and Natural Resources website provides a list of free and to-purchase publications on a wide array of gardening topics.