



# The Virginia Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Program

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## Shenandoah Valley Master Gardeners Offer Plant Advice to Homeowners

SHENANDOAH VALLEY, VA (APRIL 8, 2015) - The Northern Shenandoah Valley Master Gardener Association is offering free help to area homeowners through its Green Help Lines and Help Desks. Virginia Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Volunteers in each of the five counties are available to answer gardening questions and diagnose plant problems.

For over 20 years the Northern Shenandoah Valley Master Gardener Association has run its Green Help Line, Help Desks, and event Info Booths to help citizens with plant and gardening questions. Homeowners are encouraged to contact their counties by phone, email, or in person to get help identifying plants and diagnosing plant diseases and/or pests. Volunteers also advise on the latest research-based care of lawns, trees, shrubs, and vegetables and promote safe use of pesticides and fertilizers in their recommendations to help protect water quality and the environment.

Homeowners of the following counties can contact:

**Clarke County:** 540-955-5164, Drop off questions Monday through Friday, 8:30 am – 5pm, at the VCE Office, Clarke County Government Building, 101 Chalmers Ct, Second Floor, Ste B, Berryville, VA 22611. Also find them at the info booth at the Berryville Farmers Market, Saturdays 8am – 12pm, May – Oct.

**Frederick County:** 540-665-5699, GreenHelpLine.FrederickCo@gmail.com. In-person hours are Fridays 9am – 12pm, Apr – Oct at the VCE Office, 107 North Kent Street, Winchester, VA 22601.

**Page County:** 540-778-5794, aprilang@vt.edu. Drop off questions Monday through Friday, 8am – 5pm, at the VCE Office, 215 West Main Street, Ste C, Stanley, VA 22851.

**Shenandoah County:** 540-459-6140, greenhelpline@gmail.com. In-person hours are the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month, 9am – 12pm, Apr – Oct at the VCE Office, Shenandoah County Government Center, 600 North Main Street, Ste 100, Woodstock, VA 22664. Also find them at the info booths at the Strasburg Farmers Market and Woodstock Farmers Market on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month, Apr – Oct, 9am – 12pm.

**Warren County:** 540-635-4549, In-person Hours are Mondays 9am – 12pm, Apr – Oct at the VCE Office, Warren County Government Center, 220 N Commerce Ave, Ste 500, Front Royal, VA 22630.

The Northern Shenandoah Valley Master Gardener Association ([www.nsvmga.org](http://www.nsvmga.org)) serves the counties of Clarke, Frederick, Page, Shenandoah, and Warren. Extension Master Gardeners are volunteer educators who work within their communities to encourage and promote environmentally sound horticulture practices through sustainable landscape management, education, and training. As an educational program of Virginia Cooperative Extension, Extension Master Gardeners bring the resources of Virginia's land-grant universities, Virginia Tech and Virginia State University, to the people of the commonwealth.

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