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**Shenandoah Valley Master Gardeners Offer Plant Advice to Homeowners**

SHENANDOAH VALLEY, VA (April 4, 2016) - The Northern Shenandoah Valley Master Gardener Association offers free help to area homeowners through its Green Help Lines and Help Desks. Virginia Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Volunteers are available to answer gardening questions and diagnose plant problems.

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 in the following counties can contact:

**Clarke County:** 540-955-5164, Drop off questions Monday through Friday, 8:30am – 5pm, at the VCE Office, Clarke County Government Building, 101 Chalmers Ct, Second Floor, Ste B, Berryville, VA 22611.

**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. Also find them at the info booth at the Farmers Market, 9am – 12pm, on the third Saturday of the month, May – Oct.

**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, 9am – 12pm, on the first and third Saturday of the month, Apr – Oct and the South Street Barn Market in Woodstock, 8am – 1pm on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays, Apr – Oct.

**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) 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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