

Resource Information for Community Gardens

Purdue Extension-Marion County Urban/Community Garden Page

<http://IndyUrbanGarden.org>

Check here first (includes many links on vegetable gardening and starting a community garden.)

Lead Testing

-Safe Urban Gardening Initiative, c/o Dr. Gabriel Filippelli, Department of Earth Sciences, IUPUI, 723 W. Michigan Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202. Consult the Garden Safe Garden Well publication for information on collecting a proper sample.

-Garden Safe Garden Well: <https://haven.agriculture.purdue.edu/DepotWS/File.ashx?t=f&i=7853>

-Marion County Health Department: 317/221-2155

Plant Nutrient Testing (includes sampling)

-Includes sampling info (HO-71) and soil labs

<https://extension.purdue.edu/Marion/Pages/article.aspx?intItemID=4487>

Food Safety & Other Safety Information

-Food Safety for School and Community Gardens (NC Extension):

<https://growingsafergardens.files.wordpress.com/2012/10/foodsafetywebcurriculum-10-24-12.pdf>

-Reusing Potentially Contaminated Landscapes: Growing Gardens in Urban Soils:

https://clu-in.org/download/misc/urban_gardening_fact_sheet.pdf

Locating Underground Utilities

-Indiana811: <http://www.811now.com/>

Community Gardening

-Multiple Benefits of Community Gardening: http://www.gardeningmatters.org/sites/default/files/Multiple%20Benefits_2012.pdf

-American Community Gardening Association: <https://communitygarden.org/>

-Indianapolis Urban Garden Program (city lots):

<http://www.indy.gov/eGov/City/DPW/SustainIndy/Life/Garden/Pages/IndyUrbanGardenProgram.aspx>

-Marion County Master Gardener Association (small "grant" for start-up on city lots):

<https://haven.agriculture.purdue.edu/DepotWS/File.ashx?t=f&i=19465>

Growing Information

-Home Gardener's Guide (HO-32): <http://www.hort.purdue.edu/ext/HO-32.pdf>

-Indiana Vegetable Planting Calendar (HO-186): <http://www.hort.purdue.edu/ext/HO-186.pdf>

-Organic Vegetable Production (ID-316): https://www.extension.purdue.edu/extmedia/ID/ID_316.pdf

-Managing Insects in the Home Vegetable Garden (E-21): <http://extension.entm.purdue.edu/publications/E-21.pdf>

-Common Diseases in the Home Garden (Missouri): <http://extension.missouri.edu/p/g6203>

-Purdue Master Gardener Vegetable Encyclopedia: <https://haven.agriculture.purdue.edu/DepotWS/File.ashx?t=f&i=7852>

-Managing Yard Wastes: Clippings and Compost (ID-182): <http://www.hort.purdue.edu/ext/ID-182.pdf>

-Household Composting: Methods and Uses for Compost (HENV-103):

<https://www.extension.purdue.edu/extmedia/HENV/HENV-103-W.pdf>

-Household Composting with Worms (HENV-104): <https://www.extension.purdue.edu/extmedia/HENV/HENV-104-W.pdf>

Indispensable Web Pages for Marion County Master Gardeners (Purdue Extension-Marion County)

<https://extension.purdue.edu/Marion/Pages/article.aspx?intItemID=5946>

Many links are provided to help you find reliable gardening information.

Help with Specific Garden Questions or Problems

-Marion County Master Gardener AnswerLine (275-9292, e-mail: marionmg@purdue.edu, or bring a sample):

<https://extension.purdue.edu/Marion/Pages/article.aspx?intItemID=1390>

-Purdue Plant & Pest Diagnostic Laboratory (\$11 processing charge): <http://www.ppd.l.purdue.edu/ppdl/>

Gardening Ideas & New Varieties (vegetables and annual flowers)

-Purdue Extension-Marion County Demonstration Garden:

<https://extension.purdue.edu/Marion/Pages/article.aspx?intItemID=4498>

Social Media

Purdue Extension-Marion County Demonstration Garden: <https://www.facebook.com/PurdueIndyDemoGarden>

Purdue Extension-Marion County: <https://www.facebook.com/purdueextensionmarioncounty>

Steve Mayer (purduehortindy): <https://twitter.com/purduehortindy>

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