



# FREE YARD & GARDEN HELP DESKS

Master Gardeners available for individual help

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Carver/Scott Master Gardeners  
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Bring your plant samples and insect/disease questions to any of the Yard & Garden Help Desks listed below. Carver/Scott Master Gardeners will help you diagnose problems and answer your yard and garden questions.

<b>Prior Lake Farmer's Market</b> downtown Prior Lake
<b><i>Every Saturday, 8 a.m. to 12 noon May 9 through Sept. 26</i></b>

<b>Waconia Library and Chanhassen Library</b>
<b><i>Every Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 6 through Aug. 29</i></b>

*If you are unable to attend a help desk, samples may be dropped off at the Carver County Extension Office during the week.*

*A Master Gardener will call you after the samples have been examined.*

*Please allow time to complete a submission form when bringing samples for drop-off.*

### ***Instructions for bringing a sample:***

***For plants:*** Bring a portion about 8-10 inches long and include leaves, flowers, and fruit as available.

Include healthy and damaged material where appropriate.

***For lawns:*** Cut a 3 inch square of sod, including roots.

***For insects:*** To preserve the specimen, place in a screw-top jar and store in the freezer until ready to bring to the help desk.

***For insect/disease problems:*** Note if some or all of your plants are affected

Make a notation where on the plant the problem occurs (branches, leaves, and exact location on plant (inner leaves, random, etc.)

Is the problem spreading? When did the problem start?