



Gardening Information on the Web Edwardsville Public Library 2009

American Horticultural Society

<http://www.ahs.org/>

This is the website of the oldest gardening organization in the U.S. Whether you want to become a member or simply find a quick answer to your gardening query, this site will get you connected with its links to popular gardening events and publications.

Backyard Gardener

<http://backyardgardener.com/>

Includes a "How to Garden" section that offers instruction on an array of gardening activities as well as a hardiness zone map to learn what plants work well in our area.

Better Homes and Gardens

<http://www.bhg.com/gardening/>

Read or participate in message board discussions or create your own garden plan online with this interactive website. Also includes features such as a flower gallery, plant finder, and daily garden tips.

Botany Photo of the Day

<http://www.ubcbotanicalgarden.org/potd/>

The University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada has an excellent site devoted to various aspects of plant research, education, and conservation. Visit the site to see the botany photo of the day, or subscribe and it will be emailed to you. The photos are from all over the world and each has a lengthy caption describing the plant in the photo, native habitat, conservation status, interesting facts, and cultivation information.

Chicago Botanic Garden

<http://www.chicago-botanic.org/>

This site contains many useful resources for the home gardener. Select the "Your Garden" tab and choose from plant/insect identification services, horticulture questions, and an "Illinois' Best Plants" database.

Dave's Garden

<http://davesgarden.com/>

Dave's Garden is an extensive on-line resource, whose content is updated continually by posts from members. Select the "Garden Guides & Resources" and you can choose from a variety of identification services (plants, insects, diseases) and more. Check out "The Garden Watchdog" for ratings of over 600 mail-order nurseries and seed catalogs, and read the reviews to see what made customers (un)happy. Membership is free, although non-members are allowed 10 searches per day.

Home and Garden Television

<http://www.hgtv.com/landscaping/index.html>

Check out info on your favorite gardening program or read up on topics like hardscaping, container gardening, or common garden diseases.

Illinois Master Gardeners

<http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/mg/>

The University of Illinois Extension has over 3,500 trained volunteers to help home gardeners with a variety of issues. The Master Gardener program is designed to help distribute horticultural information to the public, enhance community gardening, and promote volunteer opportunities. Go the Madison County link to find contact information for the local office and local Master Gardeners.

Missouri Botanical Garden

<http://mobot.org/>

The MoBot site has a beautiful site, with lots of information about the garden itself. Of particular interest to home gardeners is the “Gardening and Horticulture” section. Go to “Plants of Merit” for outstanding and dependable plants for the St. Louis region, or any of the extensive databases for information about every aspect of gardening.

National Gardening Association

<http://www.garden.org/home>

A useful site for finding articles on specific garden topics. Check out the “Expert Advice” and “Reference” sections to solve your gardening problems.

Organic Gardening

<http://organicgardening.com/>

Organic Gardening Magazine hosts this site with lots of information about every aspect of organic gardening. Learn how to deal with pests, improve your soil, increase vegetable yields, and much more.

Victory Garden

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/victorygarden/>

This is the companion website for the PBS weekly gardening series. Select the “Grow” tab for information on recommended varieties of plants and fun gardening projects. The “Eat” tab contains recipes from the show, along with lists of fruits and vegetables to grow. Click on “Explore” and you can tour gardens highlighted on the show.

What’s that Bug?

<http://www.whatsthatbug.com/>

This is a fun website, although it is tricky to navigate. The site started out as an art project, but is now a well-respected informational site about insects. If you would like to identify an insect in your home or garden, visit the extensive photo archive, or e-mail an image; the duo who run the site claim they’ve been stumped only a few times.

Looking in the library? Go to these call numbers for books:

Botany	580
Composting	631.875
Herbs	635.7
Landscape architecture	712
Lawn care	635.964
Perennials	635.964
Pest control	632.9
Roses	635.933
Vegetables	635