



Wisconsin Horticulture

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What's Happening in Horticulture? September 2025

Greetings gardeners,

September is here, and with it come cooler nights, golden light, and full harvest baskets. While this is a time to savor the season's bounty, it's also a reminder to keep an eye out for changes in our landscapes. Recently, **Japanese stiltgrass was detected in Wisconsin for the first time**, an invasive plant that can crowd out forests, lawns, gardens, and other natural ecosystems. Staying aware of emerging threats helps us protect the places where we live, work, and play. Read on for timely tips and resources to make the most of your garden before fall.

Upcoming Online Programs

- **Green Thumb Gardening: Spring Bulbs**
Thursday, Sept. 18 | 5:30-7:30 p.m. | \$12 registration
- **Ask Your Gardening Question: LIVE**
Monday, Sept. 22 | 1:30-2:30 p.m. | Free
- **Urban Forestry Workshop: Invasive Species Plant ID & Management**
Sept. 23, 24, Oct. 1, 2, 7 | Multiple locations | \$40 registration
- **The Bad and the Ugly: Ten Plant Diseases Not to Compost**
Wednesday, Sept. 24 | 6:30-8:30 p.m. | Free
- **Green Thumb Gardening: Ornamental Grasses, Sedges, and Rushes**

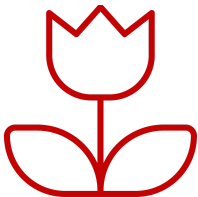
Thursday, Sept. 25 | 5:30-7:30 p.m. | \$12
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Turtlehead (*Chelone spp.*) provides a refreshing pop of color in late-summer gardens when most flowers are fading.

Timely Webinars for Wisconsin Gardeners



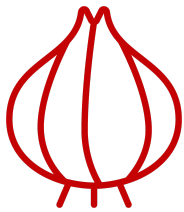
Seasonal Secrets: Fall Bulb Planting

Fall is a great time to plant bulbs for spring beauty. In this webinar, you'll learn essential tips on how to select the perfect bulbs, correctly plant them, and protect new plantings. ► **Watch Now**



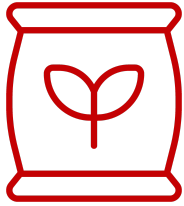
Planning for Fall Planting: Choosing the right trees and shrubs for success

In this webinar, you will learn why fall is an optimal time to plant and which species are best suited for fall planting. You'll also learn important considerations when choosing a tree species and nursery stock. ► **Watch Now**



Growing Garlic in Wisconsin

Whether you are a garden enthusiast, a foodie, or both, garlic is well known around the world! In this webinar you will learn techniques for growing garlic from planting to storage. ► **Watch Now**



Fall "Lawndry" List

Fall is a key time for many maintenance activities that support a lush, healthy lawn. Learn about fertilizer recommendations, aeration and overseeding, weed control, and more. ► **Watch Now**



Wisconsin Yard & Garden

A weekly column of horticulture education and activities for Wisconsin gardeners. Read the latest articles from this past month.

- [Why Do Some Trees Turn Color Early?](#)
- [Ideal Timing for Fertilizing Lawns](#)
- [Soil Testing for Successful Gardens](#)
- [Lawn Renovation Plans Start Now](#)

In the News...

How to Divide Perennials in Fall for Bigger Blooms Next Year | Parade Home & Garden | Featuring Johanna Oosterwyk

Sustainably Speaking: Invasive Japanese Stiltgrass Reaches Wisconsin | We Are Green Bay | Featuring Mark Renz

Wisconsin officials aim to contain this invasive species after two cases and possible third | Milwaukee Journal Sentinel | Featuring Mark Renz



Garden myths: believe or bust.
Should you torch tent caterpillars?
Find out here.

► **Listen:** [Insect Anatomy with PJ Liesch](#) | Southern Wisconsin Bird Alliance | Featuring PJ Liesch

[Invasive stiltgrass found in Rock County](#) | Channel 3000 | Featuring Mark Renz

► **Watch:** [Mosquito relief still weeks away in Wisconsin](#) | Spectrum News 1 | Featuring PJ Liesch

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- Insect identification

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