



K-STATE GARDEN HOUR

Maximizing Garden Success with Extension Resources

Wednesday, June 3rd 12:00PM -1:00PM CST

Research-Based Gardening Resources From Kansas State University:

#1) Horticulture Resource Center: www.hnr.ksu.edu/extension/info-center

Horticulture Newsletter: weekly newsletter of timely topics (insects, diseases, pests & gardening tips)
(Sign Up for weekly newsletter emails by contacting: hortsupport@ksu.edu)

Common Plant and Pest Problems in Kansas: alphabetical list of almost every disease, insect, or plant topic you can think of. Includes control recommendations. Use the “All Pests” search for best results.

Publications: a list of every horticulture publication created by K-State, all in one place. Organized by topic.

Recommended Plants for Kansas: publications that list plants recommended for Kansas (shrubs, trees, flowers, vegetables, turfgrass, drought tolerant plants, and all plants for Kansas)

Expert Analysis: a list of K-State services & departments available to support horticulture, including the KSU Mesonet, Soil Testing Lab, Plant Pathology Lab, & Entomology Lab



#2) Tree & Shrub Problems In Kansas (K-State Bookstore): www.bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/MF3132.pdf

Look up info for specific trees: diseases, insects and environmental stresses, symptoms/id, recommendations, and additional comments

#3) Kansas Garden Guide (K-State Bookstore): www.bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/s51.pdf

Look up info for every type of vegetable. Includes information for: garden planning, planting dates, disease and insect info, growing recommendations

#4) Kansas School Garden Guide - Garden Templates and Plant Choices: <https://extension.k-state.edu/kansaslocalfoods/cultivate-community/resources/templatesandplantchoices.pdf>

Basic garden templates and plant information that provide learning opportunities for school gardens

Using Your Search Engine Efficiently

Include phrases, such as:

- **KSU**
- **site:.edu**
- A dash before a word excludes it from your search (i.e. -song)
- Quotation marks around words search for those exact words (i.e. “of Kansas”)
- extension
- The publication number (i.e. MF3132)
- KS

For Example, when looking up information on bagworms, go to Google and search:

Bagworm KSU

Bagworm Extension

Bagworm site:.edu

Other Helpful Websites:

K-State Research and Extension Bookstore: www.bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu

Free, digital copies of all K-State publications

Missouri Botanical Garden - Plant Finder: www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/plantfinder/plantfindersearch.aspx

Information on how a plant will likely perform in our area

K-State Mesonet: www.mesonet.k-state.edu

Free weather data from across the state of Kansas. Soil Temperature & Historical Weather are helpful.

Insects In Kansas: https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/item/insects-in-kansas_S131

A book with the most common insects found in Kansas, organized by family.

Turfgrass Weed Control For Professionals: <https://edustore.purdue.edu/turf-100.html>

Provides weed identification and control information for turfgrass professionals

Midwest Home Fruit Production Guide: <https://extensionpubs.osu.edu/midwest-home-fruit-production-guide/>

Information on selection, planting and maintenance practices of the common fruit crops in the Midwest

Weeds of the Great Plains: <https://nda.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/forms/nw11.pdf>

Information and full-page color photographs of nearly 300 species of weeds

Wildflowers & Grasses of Kansas: <https://kswildflower.org/>

Information on over 400 of the state’s wildflowers, grasses, sedges, and rushes, organized by flower color

Find Your Local Extension Office: <https://extension.ksu.edu/about/statewide-locations/>

Find the contact information for the Extension Office in your county

Websites with trustworthy information generally end in:

- .edu (University Websites)
- .gov (Government Websites)
- .org (Organizations, most of which will be reliable)
- .info (Organizations, often informational, educational, or research purposes, alternative to .com)
- Rarely can you trust information from a website ending in .com