

# Recommended References For Urban Gardeners

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## 2020 URLs

### Most Frequently Requested:

Gardening Factsheets: <https://gardening.ces.ncsu.edu/publications/>

Plant Clinic: <https://projects.ncsu.edu/cals/plantpath/extension/clinic/>

EMG Handbook: <https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/extension-gardener-handbook>

Gardening Publications: <https://gardening.ces.ncsu.edu/publications-3-2/>

### Problem Solving:

Soil Testing: <http://ncagr.gov/agronomi/uyrst.htm>

Diagnostic Tables: <https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/extension-gardener-handbook/appendix-c-diagnostic-tables>

Weed Identification: <http://extension.umd.edu/hgic/lawns/lawn-weed-identification>

Weed Control: <https://wake.ces.ncsu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/Residential-Weed-Mgmt-Carlson-Rev.-2017.pdf>

### Lawns:

Carolina Lawns: <https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/carolina-lawns>

Organic Lawn Care: <https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/organic-lawn-care-a-guide-to-organic-lawn-maintenance-and-pest-management>

Lawn Treatment: <https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/caring-for-your-lawn-and-the-environment>

Turffiles: <https://www.turffiles.ncsu.edu/>

### Landscaping:

Plant List: <https://plants.ces.ncsu.edu/plant-list>

Native Plants: <https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/landscaping-for-wildlife-with-native-plants>

Drought Tolerant Plants: <https://hgic.clemson.edu/factsheet/plants-that-tolerate-drought/>

Backyards For Birds: <https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/managing-backyards-and-other-urban-habitats-for-birds>

## Pests:

Fire Ants: <https://wake.ces.ncsu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Fire-Ants-adapted-4.pdf?fwd=no>

Moles & Voles: <https://johnston.ces.ncsu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Moles-and-Voles-article.pdf?fwd=no>

Insects in Vegetables: <https://extension.umd.edu/hgic/plants/insect-pests-vegetables>

Deer Resistant Plants: <https://wake.ces.ncsu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Deer-Resistant-Plants.pdf>

## Vegetable Gardening:

Wake Planting

Calendar: [https://www.ncsugarden.com/resources/wake/docs/nc\\_common\\_crop\\_chart\\_20191210.pdf](https://www.ncsugarden.com/resources/wake/docs/nc_common_crop_chart_20191210.pdf)

Organic Gardening: <https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/extension-gardener-handbook/17-organic-gardening>

Ready Garden Grow: <https://wake.ces.ncsu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/Ready-Garden-Grow-Book.pdf>

Beginner's Guide: <https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/home-vegetable-gardening-a-quick-reference-guide>

## Fruits, Nuts, Berries and Other Edibles:

Container Edibles: <https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/how-to-create-a-container-garden-for-edibles-in-the-north-carolina-piedmont>

Orchards: <https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/north-carolina-production-guide-for-smaller-orchard-plantings>

Grapes & Berries: <https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/grapes-and-berries-for-the-garden>

Pecans: <https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/growing-pecans-in-north-carolina>

## Pollinators:

Butterflies: <https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/butterflies-in-your-backyard>

Planting For Pollinators: <https://growingsmallfarms.ces.ncsu.edu/growingsmallfarms-pollinatorgarden/>

Bees of North Carolina: <https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/the-bees-of-north-carolina-identification-guide>

Bats: <https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/bats>

## Pruning, Composting & Soil Management:

Pruning Specific Plants: <https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/how-to-prune-specific-plants>

Backyard Composting: <https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/backyard-composting-of-yard-garden-and-food-discards>

Worms Recycle: <https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/worms-can-recycle-your-garbage>

Soil Management & Testing: <https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/a-gardeners-guide-to-soil-testing>

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## Sustainability & Risks

1<sup>st</sup>/Last Frost: <https://gardening.ces.ncsu.edu/average-first-and-last-frost-dates/>

Managing frost: <https://gardening.ces.ncsu.edu/weather-2/managing-frost-in-the-garden/>

Herbicides Carry Over: <https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/herbicide-carryover>

Minimize Contaminants: : <https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/minimizing-risks-of-soil-contaminants-in-urban-gardens>

## Landscaping

Shade Plants: <https://hgic.clemson.edu/factsheet/plants-for-shade/>

Evergreen Screening: <https://hgic.clemson.edu/factsheet/mixed-screens/>

Rain Gardens: <https://forsyth.ces.ncsu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/RGmanual2015.pdf? fwd=no>

Xeriscape NC: <https://files.nc.gov/ncdeq/Environmental%20Assistance%20and%20Customer%20Service/NC%20Green%20Travel%20Documents/xeriscape.pdf>

Camellias: <https://hgic.clemson.edu/factsheet/camellia/>

Roses: <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/roses/>

Bulbs: <https://extension.uga.edu/publications/detail.html?number=B918>

Mulches: <http://extension.msstate.edu/publications/mulches-for-the-landscape>

## Trees and Pruning

Tree Guide: [https://www.ncufc.org/uploads/TreeOwner\\_proof\\_final.pdf](https://www.ncufc.org/uploads/TreeOwner_proof_final.pdf)

Drought Tolerant Trees: <https://www.ncufc.org/uploads/DroughtTolerantTrees.pdf>

How to Prune: <https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/general-pruning-techniques>

Pruning Tools: <https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/tools-to-make-the-cut>

## Edible Gardening

Planting Calendar: <https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/central-north-carolina-planting-calendar-for-annual-vegetables-fruits-and-herbs>

Edible Flowers: <https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/choosing-and-using-edible-flowers-ag-790> Pollinator

Management: <https://ipm.ces.ncsu.edu/ipm-honey-bees/>

Pollinator TipSheet: [https://www.nwf.org/~media/PDFs/Garden-for-Wildlife/Pollinator-tipsheet\\_8-2016-2.ashx](https://www.nwf.org/~media/PDFs/Garden-for-Wildlife/Pollinator-tipsheet_8-2016-2.ashx)

## Lawns

Lawn Reduction: [https://www.nwf.org/-/media/PDFs/Garden-for-Wildlife/Gardening-Tips/Lawn-Reduction\\_web.ashx?la=en&hash=FAC102D0BDBBCOCCD97ECE01BB9A8E2F91E7C150](https://www.nwf.org/-/media/PDFs/Garden-for-Wildlife/Gardening-Tips/Lawn-Reduction_web.ashx?la=en&hash=FAC102D0BDBBCOCCD97ECE01BB9A8E2F91E7C150)

Improving Lawn Care: <https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/improving-lawn-care-and-gardening>

Zoysia Calendar: <https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/zoysiagrass-lawn-maintenance-calendar>

Fescue/Bluegrass Calendar: : <https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/tall-fescue-and-kentucky-bluegrass-home-lawn-calendar>

## Pests

Bites and Stings: <https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/catalog/series/233/>

Snakes: <https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/snakes>

Fire Ants: <https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/red-imported-fire-ant-in-north-carolina>

Moles and Voles: <https://wake.ces.ncsu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/Moles-and-Voles-Wake-Co-2017.pdf?fwd=no>

## Birds

Bluebird Tips: <http://www.ncbluebird.com/pdf/BluebirdTips.pdf>

Bird Friendly Habitat: [https://www.nwf.org/-/media/PDFs/Garden-for-Wildlife/Gardening-Tips/Bird-Friendly\\_web.ashx?la=en&hash=41F81AD453D20EF8476A420F9A99C76B27DDEC41](https://www.nwf.org/-/media/PDFs/Garden-for-Wildlife/Gardening-Tips/Bird-Friendly_web.ashx?la=en&hash=41F81AD453D20EF8476A420F9A99C76B27DDEC41)

Bird Feeders: [https://www.nwf.org/-/media/Documents/PDFs/Garden-for-Wildlife/Birdfeeders\\_tipsheet\\_2017.ashx?la=en&hash=EE474C7B537ED823B684E6D91EE8C3F46C8988BF](https://www.nwf.org/-/media/Documents/PDFs/Garden-for-Wildlife/Birdfeeders_tipsheet_2017.ashx?la=en&hash=EE474C7B537ED823B684E6D91EE8C3F46C8988BF)

Nesting Boxes: [https://www.nwf.org/-/media/PDFs/Garden-for-Wildlife/Gardening-Tips/Nesting-Boxes\\_web.ashx?la=en&hash=C947BEA44F94B6C1D0FC0D15F2DFF8DC3CBB40B2](https://www.nwf.org/-/media/PDFs/Garden-for-Wildlife/Gardening-Tips/Nesting-Boxes_web.ashx?la=en&hash=C947BEA44F94B6C1D0FC0D15F2DFF8DC3CBB40B2)

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