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Internet Tools Master Gardeners Use, And You Can Too
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Whether you grew up with computers or you had to learn how to use them later in life, you have access to a wealth of free public gardening information published by the University of California and other research-based websites. The following websites are used by UCCE Master Gardeners to research and answer your questions on all sorts of garden related topics. Below is a short list of many links for you to explore. Much of the information includes pictures for visual learners. Master Gardeners recommend you take a look at some of these sites when researching your garden related questions.

California Garden Web <http://ucanr.edu/sites/gardenweb/> is a vast collection of research-based information about gardening.

University of California (UC) Integrated Pest Management (IPM) <http://www.ipm.ucdavis.edu/>
UC Pest Notes library <http://www.ipm.ucdavis.edu/PMG/PESTNOTES/index.html>
California Invasive Plant Council <http://www.cal-ipc.org/>
Weed Research and Information Center website <http://wric.ucdavis.edu>
Bug Squad blog <http://ucanr.edu/blogs/bug squad/>

University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) Irrigation Management website <http://ucanr.edu/sites/irrmgm/>. This is a collection of information and presentations. Most of it is geared towards commercial production, but there is good information for home gardeners, too.

University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources (UCANR) Catalog of Publications (<http://anrcatalog.ucdavis.edu/default.aspx>)

UCANR Soils and Plant Tissue Testing
http://cecentralsierra.ucanr.edu/Agriculture/Soil_and_Plant_Tissue_Testing/

UC Davis California Soil Resource Lab website
<http://casoilresource.lawr.ucdavis.edu/soilweb-apps>

UC Davis Department of Plant Sciences Rooting Database
<http://rooting.ucdavis.edu/Pchome.htm> where you can enter in a plant name and learn everything you need to know to propagate it.

UC Davis Center for Plant Diversity <http://herbarium.ucdavis.edu/index.html>
UC Davis Arboretum All-Stars http://arboretum.ucdavis.edu/arboretum_all_stars.aspx

UC California Backyard Orchard <http://homeorchard.ucdavis.edu>
UC Post Harvest Technology website <http://postharvest.ucdavis.edu/>
Fruit and Nut Research Center <http://fruitsandnuts.ucdavis.edu/>

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You can find composting information at multiple websites:

http://pcmg.ucanr.org/Composting_Information/,

UC Sacramento County Master Gardeners <http://ucanr.edu/sites/sacmg/Composting/>,

University of Illinois Extension <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/homecompost/>,

Cornell Composting <http://compost.css.cornell.edu/>,

and Associated Students of the University of California Davis (ASUCD) Project Compost

<http://projectcompost.ucdavis.edu/>

PG&E's Right Tree Right Place website

<http://www.pge.com/mybusiness/customerservice/otherrequests/treetrimming/customerresources/righttree/>

Sacramento Tree Foundation <http://sactree.com/>

International Society of Arboriculture's Trees are Good website <http://www.treesaregood.com/>

The Arbor Day Foundation's Tree Identification section <http://arborday.org/>

Cal Poly Select a Tree website <http://selecttree.calpoly.edu>

UC ANR Oak Woodland Management website http://ucanr.edu/sites/oak_range/

UCCE Master Gardeners of El Dorado County are available to answer home gardening questions Tuesday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to noon, by calling (530) 621-5512. Walk-ins are welcome at our office, located at 311 Fair Lane in Placerville. For more information about our public education classes and activities, go to our UCCE Master Gardeners of El Dorado County website at <http://mgeldorado.ucanr.edu>. Sign up to receive our online notices and e-newsletter at http://ucanr.edu/master_gardener_e-news. You can also find us on Facebook.

Join us for “The Beer Garden” on January 27, from 9:00 a.m. to noon, at the Government Center Hearing Room, Bldg. C, 2850 Fairlane Ct, Placerville. This free class will discuss growing, harvesting, and drying of hops and herbs and is a joint presentation of Master Gardeners and Master Food Preservers.