The mission of the Douglas County Extension Master Gardener program is to share research-based, horticultural information with the residents of Douglas county, in partnership with K-State Research and Extension.

**Could I be a Master Gardener?**

Master Gardener training takes place Tuesday evenings from late August through mid-October and will include two Saturdays. Training takes place at the Douglas County Extension Office, 2110 Harper St. Lawrence, KS 66046. See our website for dates and details.

**Answers:**

**Why did my cucumbers turn orange?**

Although some cucumbers, like lemon or Poona kheera cucumbers, are normally yellow or orange, most slicing and pickling cucumbers are picked green, before they have a chance to ripen fully. By the time these cucumbers have turned fully yellow or orange, they may have become too soft and too bitter to eat. Unfortunately, cucumbers ripen quickly.

**What are the little brown mushrooms in my lawn?**

The official name of such mushrooms is little brown mushrooms, but they should not be added to your dinner stir-fry!

**When should I reseed my lawn?**

Although reseeding can be done in the winter, when it’s know as dormant reseeding, or in the spring, you’re likely to have better results if you reseed in the fall, around mid-September, and no later than mid-October. Reseeding in the fall allows the plants’ roots to develop so that they will better withstand the heat and drought of summer.

**Will the emerald ash borer really kill my ash tree?**

The short answer is yes; however, a tree can be treated with chemicals to prolong its life.

**Got Gardening Questions?**

**Why did my cucumbers turn orange?**
Who answers my questions?
Questions are answered by Extension Master Gardener volunteers.

Who are the Master Gardeners?
Extension Master Gardeners are trained volunteers with the overall mission of educating the public about gardening.

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Who can call?
Anyone who has a horticultural question is welcome to call the hotline.

When can I call?
The hotline is open from April through October, Monday through Friday, from 1:00 to 4:00.

What is the phone number?
785-842-7058

Can I e-mail questions?
You bet! The e-mail address is: mastergardener@douglas-county.com
Sending photos with your message is very helpful.

Can I just walk in?
Of course! The hotline is located on the Douglas County Fairgrounds in the Extension Building. The address is 2110 Harper Street in Lawrence. Please bring photos or samples if possible.

Can I ask questions about pests?
Sure! From lawn care to pest control, fruits and vegetables to wildlife and water gardens, no question is too small and few are too large.

Can I leave a message if I have a question after hours?
Yes, just leave a message and a Master Gardener will get back to you.