Using the Internet to Answer Your Gardening Questions

A hands-on demonstration session
Home Gardeners School

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Search phrase is critical

Minimize distractions

Define your action plan
What are you searching for?

Why do you need the information?

How will you sort through and/or store the information?
Each slight variation in your search term may return something completely different

- ask the garden doctor
- ask the yard doctor
- ask the garden expert
- ask the garden blogger
- ask the garden helper
- plant and garden doctor
- ask the pond doctor
- etc...
LIVE SEARCHING

Session 1
Please be mindful of the motives for the site
Unbiased information vs individual opinion
Blogger vs. Industry Expert vs. Ag Agent, etc..
Start with Extension Sites

http://www.rce.rutgers.edu
http://nifa.usda.gov/partners-and-extension-map
http://extension.umd.edu/learn/ask-gardening
http://cce.cornell.edu/

General Online Resources

http://www.garden.org/
http://www.gardenality.com/Questions/
http://www.allexperts.com/cl1/36/homegarden/
http://www.bhg.com/gardening/
http://questions.gardeningknowhow.com/questions-asked/
http://www.gardenality.com/Questions/
http://www.thegardenhelper.com/
http://gardenerhelper.com/

(Some .com’s are quite resourceful ~ http://floridata.com/)

(Beware – old/aging sites)

https://www.facebook.com/pages/Ask-The-Garden-Expert/120760367953640
http://www.askthegardenexpert.com/
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Session 2
Hiring a Professional Contractor

Do your research!

How to Hire a Landscape Maintenance Professional

https://njaes.rutgers.edu/pubs/publication.asp?pid=FS039
But please...

Don’t Break a Hip!!