Using the Internet to Answer your Gardening Questions

Home Gardener's 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...
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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

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

General Online Resources

http://www.garden.org/
http://www.gardenality.com
http://www.allexperts.com/cl1/36/homegarden/
http://www.bhg.com/gardening/
http://questions.gardeningknowhow.com/questions-asked/
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
Additional Sample Resources

“Top 50” Gardening Websites
https://www.homestratosphere.com/top-gardening-websites/

“Top 75” Vegetable Gardening Websites
https://blog.feedspot.com/vegetable_gardening_blogs/

The 30 Best Garden and Landscaping Centers in New Jersey
Don’t Forget...
And if you have unlimited time...
Missippi Botanical Garden

NJLCA
Growing Every Day

You Tube
GARDEN REVIEW
THE RUSTED GARDEN

NJaes.rutgers.edu/extension100years
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 Hip!!