

## ASK A MASTER GARDENER -- QUICK REFERENCE CHART

\*\*all temporal data is approximate and varies with climate conditions

\*\*The "Likely Suspect" section is only a jump-off point. Further research may be (and usually is) necessary.

Season	Month	Keyword	TYPE	Garden/Yard Dilemma/FAQ	Likely suspect...	Solution Source
Winter	February	lawn	CONTROL	I have weeds in my lawn!	henbit & more	HGIC 2310, HGIC 2309, HGIC 2321
Winter	February	lawn	MAINTENANCE	When should I put down preemergent weed control?		HGIC 2310, HGIC 2309
Winter	February	lawn	MAINTENANCE	When should I fertilize my lawn this spring?		HGIC 1201, <a href="http://www.clemson.edu/extension/county/laurens/yard_garden/02_february.html">http://www.clemson.edu/extension/county/laurens/yard_garden/02_february.html</a>
Winter	February	lawn	MAINTENANCE	I had grubs last year. When do I treat for them this year?		<a href="http://www.clemson.edu/extension/county/laurens/yard_garden/03_march.html">http://www.clemson.edu/extension/county/laurens/yard_garden/03_march.html</a>
Winter	February	perennials	DIAGNOSIS	My perennials have cracks and split branches and brown spots on leaves.	winter damage	HGIC 2350
Winter	February	perennials	MAINTENANCE	What can I prune now? What can I prune in the spring?		HGIC 1003, HGIC 1053, <a href="http://www.clemson.edu/extension/county/laurens/yard_garden/02_february.html">http://www.clemson.edu/extension/county/laurens/yard_garden/02_february.html</a>
Winter	February	soil	GARDEN PREP	How do I prepare my garden soil?		HGIC 1256, HGIC 1652, HGIC 1600
Winter	February	trees	MAINTENANCE	When do I use dormant oil on my fruit trees?		<a href="http://www.clemson.edu/extension/county/laurens/yard_garden/02_february.html">http://www.clemson.edu/extension/county/laurens/yard_garden/02_february.html</a>
Winter/Spring	March	lawn	CONTROL	I have weeds in my lawn!	henbit, nutsedge & more	HGIC 2310, HGIC 2309, HGIC 2321, HGIC 2312
Winter/Spring	March	perennials	DIAGNOSIS	Something is eating the roots of my bulbs/perennials!		<a href="http://icwdm.org/handbook/rodents/Voles.asp">http://icwdm.org/handbook/rodents/Voles.asp</a>
Winter/Spring	March	perennials	DIAGNOSIS	Brown spots on woody perennials or die back	winter damage	HGIC 2350
Winter/Spring	March	perennials	DIAGNOSIS	I just noticed my azalea leaves have tiny white spots and spots on the braches!	last years scale and lace bug damage	HGIC 1059, HGIC 2051
Winter/Spring	March	perennials	DIAGNOSIS	Brown spots on my Indian Hawthorne?	Entomosporium Leaf Spot	HGIC 1078
Winter/Spring	March	soil	GARDEN PREP	How do I prepare my garden soil?		HGIC 1256, HGIC 1652, HGIC 1600
Winter/Spring	March	trees	DIAGNOSIS	Do I have bagworms?	Bagworm	HGIC 2004
Winter/Spring	March	trees	MAINTENANCE	When should I fertilize my trees?		<a href="http://www.clemson.edu/extension/county/laurens/yard_garden/04_april.html">http://www.clemson.edu/extension/county/laurens/yard_garden/04_april.html</a>
Winter/Spring	March	veg/fruit	GARDEN PREP	When should I plant my vegetable garden?		HGIC 1256
Winter/Spring	March	veg/fruit	GARDEN PREP	How do I start vegetables from seed?		HGIC 1259
Winter/Spring	March	veg/fruit	GARDEN PREP	How do I build a cold frame?		<a href="http://extension.missouri.edu/publications/DisplayPub.aspx?P=G6965">http://extension.missouri.edu/publications/DisplayPub.aspx?P=G6965</a>
Spring	April	garden prep	GARDEN PREP	How do I build raised garden beds?		HGIC 1251, HGIC 1257
Spring	April	garden prep	GARDEN PREP	What can I put in my compost?		HGIC 1600
Spring	April	lawn	CONTROL	Dandelions!!! Aarrrrrgh!		HGIC 2301
Spring	April	lawn	CONTROL	Moles are tearing up my yard!	grub infestation	<a href="http://icwdm.org/handbook/mammals/Moles.asp">http://icwdm.org/handbook/mammals/Moles.asp</a>
Spring	April	lawn	DIAGNOSIS	I have some brown spots on my St. Augustine/ Zoysia.	Chinch Bugs	<a href="http://clemson.edu/cafls/departments/esps/factsheets/turform/chinch_bugs_to20.html">http://clemson.edu/cafls/departments/esps/factsheets/turform/chinch_bugs_to20.html</a>
Spring	April	lawn	MAINTENANCE	How much should I water my lawn?		HGIC 1207
Spring	April	perennials	CONTROL	My (insert plant name here) has aphids!!!	Beneficial bugs have not caught up yet.	<a href="http://www.clemson.edu/extension/county/laurens/mg/askmg/031_aphids.pdf">http://www.clemson.edu/extension/county/laurens/mg/askmg/031_aphids.pdf</a>
Spring	April	perennials	DIAGNOSIS	My rose stems look funny with brown spots	rose canker	HGIC 2106, HGIC 1172
Spring	April	perennials	MAINTENANCE	Some of my trees have some winter damage, can I prune them now?		HGIC 1003
Spring	April	pests	CONTROL	When do I start treating for fireants?		<a href="http://www.clemson.edu/extension/county/laurens/yard_garden/04_april.html">http://www.clemson.edu/extension/county/laurens/yard_garden/04_april.html</a>
Spring	April	pests	CONTROL	I suddenly have small bees coming out of a hole in the ground.	ground bees	<a href="http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/depts/ent/notes/O&amp;T/lawn/note100/note100.html">http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/depts/ent/notes/O&amp;T/lawn/note100/note100.html</a>
Spring	April	pests	CONTROL	Carpenter bees are eating my house!	Carpenter bees	<a href="http://clemson.edu/cafls/departments/esps/factsheets/household_structural/carpenter_bees_hs08.html">http://clemson.edu/cafls/departments/esps/factsheets/household_structural/carpenter_bees_hs08.html</a>
Spring	April	soil	GARDEN PREP	How do I read this soil test sheet?		HGIC 1652
Spring	April	trees	CONTROL	Caterpillars in my trees!	Cankerworm	<a href="http://www.ca.uky.edu/entomology/entfacts/ef401.asp">http://www.ca.uky.edu/entomology/entfacts/ef401.asp</a>
Spring	April	trees	MAINTENANCE	I have piles of white dust around my tree and on the bark	ambrosia beetle	<a href="http://www.clemson.edu/cafls/departments/esps/factsheets/turform/ambrosia_beetles_to22.html">http://www.clemson.edu/cafls/departments/esps/factsheets/turform/ambrosia_beetles_to22.html</a>
Spring	April	veg/fruit	DIAGNOSIS	Something is eating my cucumber plants.	Cucumber Beetle	HGIC 2207
Spring	April	veg/fruit	DIAGNOSIS	Fruit tree issues -- various		HGIC 2208, HGIC 1351, HGIC 1350, HGIC 1352, HGIC 1006
Spring	April	veg/fruit	DIAGNOSIS	My apple/pear branches are dying on the ends are turning brown	fire blight	HGIC 2208

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Spring	May	veg/fruit	GARDEN PREP	Vegetable planting dates		HGIC 1256
Spring	May	lawn	CONTROL	I have critters doing something in my lawn.	Moles/voles	<a href="http://icwdm.org/handbook/mammals/Moles.asp">http://icwdm.org/handbook/mammals/Moles.asp</a>
Spring	May	lawn	DIAGNOSIS	I have brown spots on my fescue lawn.	Brown patch	HGIC 2150
Spring	May	lawn	DIAGNOSIS	I have a big brown spot in my fescue	Brown Patch	HGIC 2150
Spring	May	perennials	DIAGNOSIS	Something white and sticky on my camelia leaves	camelia leaf scale	HGIC 1062, HGIC 2053
Spring	May	perennials	DIAGNOSIS	The leaves on my dogwood tree, perennial, etc. have white powdery film	powdery mildew	HGIC 1010, HGIC 2003, HGIC 2049
Spring	May	perennials	DIAGNOSIS	My perennials have black stuff all over the leaves	sooty mold	<a href="http://www.clemson.edu/extension/hgic/hot_topics/2008/07sootymold.html">http://www.clemson.edu/extension/hgic/hot_topics/2008/07sootymold.html</a>
Spring	May	perennials	DIAGNOSIS	My hollies seem to have white spots on the stems and leaves	holly scale	HGIC 2055
Spring	May	perennials	DIAGNOSIS	It looks like someone spit on my leyland cypress	spittlebug	<a href="http://www.clemson.edu/cafls/departments/esps/factsheets/turforn/two_lined_spittlebug_to16.html">http://www.clemson.edu/cafls/departments/esps/factsheets/turforn/two_lined_spittlebug_to16.html</a>
Spring	May	perennials	DIAGNOSIS	My perennial looks like the leaves have tunnels eaten through them	leaf miner	see individual plant fact sheets
Spring	May	perennials	MAINTENANCE	When do I fertilize my azaleas and what should I use		HGIC 1059
Spring	May	pests	CONTROL	Aphids again!		<a href="http://www.clemson.edu/extension/horticulture/landscape_ornamentals/crapemyrtle/culture/insect_problems_aphids.html">http://www.clemson.edu/extension/horticulture/landscape_ornamentals/crapemyrtle/culture/insect_problems_aphids.html</a>
Spring	May	pests	CONTROL	Is this a bagworm?	bagworm	<a href="http://www.clemson.edu/extension/county/laurens/mg/askmg/049_bagworms.pdf">http://www.clemson.edu/extension/county/laurens/mg/askmg/049_bagworms.pdf</a>
Spring	May	pests	CONTROL	Irridescent green/brown beetles eating my roses/crepemyrtle/etc.	Japenese Beetles	HGIC 2107
Spring	May	pests - veg	CONTROL	There are roly pollies in my garden soil at the base of my plants!!		<a href="http://www.ca.uky.edu/entomology/entfacts/ef439.asp">http://www.ca.uky.edu/entomology/entfacts/ef439.asp</a>
Spring	May	pests - veg	CONTROL	There are aphids on my veggies. How can I treat that?		individual vegetable fact sheets
Spring	May	soil	GARDEN PREP	How do I read this soil test, and am I too late to do anything about it?	Garden or lawn?	HGIC 1652, HGIC 1256
Spring	May	veg/fruit	DIAGNOSIS	Blooms are dropping off my squash plants!	natural male blossom drop or watering issue	HGIC 1321
Spring	May	veg/fruit	DIAGNOSIS	Blooms are dropping off my tomato plants!		HGIC 1323, HGIC 2217, HGIC 2218
Spring	May	veg/fruit	DIAGNOSIS	My apple/pear branches are dying on the ends are turning brown	fire blight	HGIC 2208
Spring	May	veg/fruit	DIAGNOSIS	The leaves on my tomato plant are curling down!	dicamba, 24D contamination --	<a href="http://www.clemson.edu/extension/hgic/hot_topics/2010/07glyphosate.html">http://www.clemson.edu/extension/hgic/hot_topics/2010/07glyphosate.html</a>
Spring	May	veg/fruit	DIAGNOSIS	The stem of my tomato plant has these gnarly purple bumps exploding out of it.	dicamba, 24D contamination --	<a href="http://vegetablemndonline.ppath.cornell.edu/DiagnosticKeys/TomWlt/Dicamba_Tom.htm">http://vegetablemndonline.ppath.cornell.edu/DiagnosticKeys/TomWlt/Dicamba_Tom.htm</a>
Spring	May	veg/fruit	DIAGNOSIS	My tomato plants are turning yellow		HGIC 1232, HGIC 2217, HGIC 2218
Spring	May	veg/fruit	DIAGNOSIS	My tomatos/squash have brown spots on the bottom	blossom end rot	HGIC 1323, HGIC 1321
Spring	May	weed/invasive	CONTROL	Wisteria is all over everything! How do I get rid of it?		
Spring/Summer	June	lawn	CONTROL	Oye! Crabgrass!		HGIC 2300
Spring/Summer	June	lawn	CONTROL	My lawn is a giant weed patch!	summer weeds	HGIC 2309, HGIC 2310
Spring/Summer	June	lawn	DIAGNOSIS	I have a big brown spot in my fescue	Brown Patch	HGIC 2150
Spring/Summer	June	lawn	DIAGNOSIS	Dollar spot		HGIC 2152
Spring/Summer	June	perennials	DIAGNOSIS	My dogwood leaves look white and powdery, are curling and falling off	powdery mildew & possibly anthracnose	HGIC 1010
Spring/Summer	June	pests	CONTROL	There are inchworms dangling from the trees and they seem to be eating the leaves!		
Spring/Summer	June	pests	CONTROL	How should I deal with mole crickets?		<a href="http://www.clemson.edu/cafls/departments/esps/factsheets/turforn/mole_cricket_management_for_the_home_lawn_to01.html">http://www.clemson.edu/cafls/departments/esps/factsheets/turforn/mole_cricket_management_for_the_home_lawn_to01.html</a>
Spring/Summer	June	pests	CONTROL	Aphids again!!		<a href="http://www.clemson.edu/extension/horticulture/landscape_ornamentals/crapemyrtle/culture/insect_problems_aphids.html">http://www.clemson.edu/extension/horticulture/landscape_ornamentals/crapemyrtle/culture/insect_problems_aphids.html</a>
Spring/Summer	June	pests	CONTROL	Irridescent green/brown beetles eating my roses/crepemyrtle/etc.	Japenese Beetles	HGIC 2107
Spring/Summer	June	pests	CONTROL	Something is eating the roots of my bulbs/perennials!		<a href="http://icwdm.org/handbook/rodents/Voles.asp">http://icwdm.org/handbook/rodents/Voles.asp</a>
Spring/Summer	June	veg/fruit	CONTROL	my veggie garden has bugs		see individual plant fact sheets, or <a href="http://www.clemson.edu/cafls/departments/esps/factsheets/fruit_veg/index.html">http://www.clemson.edu/cafls/departments/esps/factsheets/fruit_veg/index.html</a>
Spring/Summer	June	veg/fruit	CONTROL	I have white flies on my tomatos	white flies	HGIC 2218
Spring/Summer	June	veg/fruit	DIAGNOSIS	My apple/pear branches are dying on the ends are turning brown	fire blight	HGIC 2208

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Spring/Summer	June	veg/fruit	DIAGNOSIS	My tomatos are wilting!	bacterial wilt, H2O	HGIC 2217
Spring/Summer	June	veg/fruit	DIAGNOSIS	There are white spots on my blackberries/raspberries	sunburn	HGIC 1400, <a href="http://extension.oregonstate.edu/news/story.php?S_No=580&amp;storyType=garden">http://extension.oregonstate.edu/news/story.php?S_No=580&amp;storyType=garden</a>
Spring/Summer	June	veg/fruit	DIAGNOSIS	My tomatos/squash have brown spots on the bottom	blossom end rot	HGIC 1323, HGIC 1321
Summer	July	garden prep	GARDEN PREP	My compost is too...wet, stinky, dry, buggy, etc.		<a href="http://www.clemson.edu/extension/hgic/plants/other/compost_mulch/hgic1600.html">http://www.clemson.edu/extension/hgic/plants/other/compost_mulch/hgic1600.html</a>
Summer	July	lawn	DIAGNOSIS	I have dead patches in my St. Augustine	Chinch Bugs	HGIC 2152
Summer	July	lawn	DIAGNOSIS	Big brown spots in my lawn	Brown patch	HGIC 2150
Summer	July	lawn	DIAGNOSIS	Small brown spots on my lawn	Dollar spot	HGIC 2152
Summer	July	lawn	DIAGNOSIS	My lawn is turning brown all over	summer heat stress	HGIC 2152, HGIC 1210
Summer	July	perennials	DIAGNOSIS	Indian Hawthorne with spots		HGIC 1078
Summer	July	perennials	MAINTENANCE	My spring blooming perennials have bloomed out. Should I prune them now?		<a href="http://www.clemson.edu/extension/county/laurens/yard_garden/06_june.html">http://www.clemson.edu/extension/county/laurens/yard_garden/06_june.html</a>
Summer	July	pests	CONTROL	I have black and yellow wasps coming out of the ground!	Cicada Killer Wasp	<a href="http://www.clemson.edu/cafls/departments/esps/factsheets/turforn/cicada_killer_wasp_to15.html">http://www.clemson.edu/cafls/departments/esps/factsheets/turforn/cicada_killer_wasp_to15.html</a>
Summer	July	pests	CONTROL	Mosquitos everywhere!	mosquitos	Mosquito Control Hotline 864-467-5988
Summer	July	pests	CONTROL	Japanese beetles are all over my....	japanese beetles	see individual plant fact sheets
Summer	July	veg/fruit	CONTROL	I had pecan weevils last year. How do I prevent that?	Pecan Weevils	<a href="http://www.clemson.edu/cafls/departments/esps/factsheets/fruit_veg/pecan_weevil_fv02.html">http://www.clemson.edu/cafls/departments/esps/factsheets/fruit_veg/pecan_weevil_fv02.html</a>
Summer	July	veg/fruit	DIAGNOSIS	My corn is not doing anything		HGIC 1308
Summer	July	veg/fruit	DIAGNOSIS	My figs are dropping off the tree		HGIC 1353
Summer	July	veg/fruit	DIAGNOSIS	My tomatos/squash have brown spots on the bottom	blossom end rot	HGIC 1323, HGIC 1321
Summer	July	veg/fruit	DIAGNOSIS	My tomato blossoms are falling off.	heat stress	HGIC 1323
Summer	July	weed/invasive	CONTROL	How do I manage this Kudzu?	kudzu	<a href="http://www.clemson.edu/extfor/publications/ec656/">http://www.clemson.edu/extfor/publications/ec656/</a>
Summer	August	lawn	CONTROL	I think I have grubs in my lawn.		<a href="http://www.clemson.edu/cafls/departments/esps/factsheets/turforn/white_grub_management_in_turfgrass_to09.html">http://www.clemson.edu/cafls/departments/esps/factsheets/turforn/white_grub_management_in_turfgrass_to09.html</a>
Summer	August	lawn	DIAGNOSIS	My fescue is brown!		HGIC 1210
Summer	August	lawn	DIAGNOSIS	There are brown/gray caterpillars eating my lawn!	Fall Army Worm	<a href="http://www.clemson.edu/extension/county/laurens/mg/askmg/044_armyworms.pdf">http://www.clemson.edu/extension/county/laurens/mg/askmg/044_armyworms.pdf</a>
Summer	August	perennials	DIAGNOSIS	There is black stuff under my crepe Myrtle!	sooty mold	H2002
Summer	August	pests	CONTROL	Worms are defoliating my oak tree!	Oak Worms	HGIC 2006
Summer	August	pests	CONTROL	There are webs in my trees? What are they?	Web Worms, Tent Caterpillars	<a href="http://www.clemson.edu/cafls/departments/esps/factsheets/turforn/to11_web_spinning_caterpillars.html">http://www.clemson.edu/cafls/departments/esps/factsheets/turforn/to11_web_spinning_caterpillars.html</a>
Summer	August	veg/fruit	DIAGNOSIS	My tomatos/squash have brown spots on the bottom	blossom end rot	HGIC 1323, HGIC 1321
Summer	August	veg/fruit	DIAGNOSIS	Why didn't my broccoli/cauliflower do anything?	too hot	HGIC 1301
Summer	August	weed/invasive	CONTROL	What is the vining stuff with tendrils getting all over everything?	dodder	<a href="http://gardeningolutions.ifas.ufl.edu/giam/problems/weeds/dodder.html">http://gardeningolutions.ifas.ufl.edu/giam/problems/weeds/dodder.html</a>
Summer	August	lawn	DIAGNOSIS	My lawn is completely dead!		HGIC 1210, HGIC 1200
Summer /Fall	September	lawn	MAINTENANCE	When should I aerate and reseed?		HGIC 1200
Summer/Fall	September	lawn	MAINTENANCE	What should I do with my leaves?		HGIC 1600, HGIC 1604
Summer/Fall	September	lawn	MAINTENANCE	Should I fertilize before or after I reseed?		HGIC 1203
Summer/Fall	September	lawn	MAINTENANCE	When do I dethatch my lawn?		
Summer/Fall	September	lawn	MAINTENANCE	How do I know what lawn fertilizer to pick?		HGIC 1221
Summer/Fall	September	lawn	MAINTENANCE	Are there better fescues available?		HGIC 2360
Fall	October	garden prep	GARDEN PREP	How do I protect my veggies from frost?		<a href="http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/depts/hort/hil/hil-8001.html">http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/depts/hort/hil/hil-8001.html</a>
Fall	October	lawn	MAINTENANCE	The army worms have killed my lawn. What do I do?	Fall Army Worm	HGIC 1203, HGIC 1200
Fall	October	lawn	MAINTENANCE	Can I still aerate and reseed?		HGIC 1200
Fall	October	perennials	PLANTING	Am I too late to plant these shrubs?		HGIC 1052
Fall	October	trees	PLANTING	Am I too late to plant a tree?		HGIC 1001
Fall	October	trees	PLANTING	I have no idea how to plant this tree. Can you help?		HGIC 1001
Fall	November	perennials	MAINTENANCE	Can I prune my roses now?		HGIC 1173, HGIC 1172
Fall	November	perennials	MAINTENANCE	When do I cut off the wilted tops on my lillies/irises/ etc?		HGIC 1153
Fall	November	pests	CONTROL	I still have voles eating my perennials!		<a href="http://icwdm.org/handbook/rodents/Voles.asp">http://icwdm.org/handbook/rodents/Voles.asp</a>