

PCMG Weekly Digest



Dear Master Gardener,

I hope you're all prepared for the incoming winter weather! I've stocked up on food and water and have my books ready to go. Below, I've attached a few winter weather tips from the Extension Office that may be helpful.

Due to the weather, we will be closing early today. At this time, I'm unsure if we will be open on Monday, but I do plan to take my laptop home so I can continue to answer emails.

This week, we held our first Master Gardener meeting of the year. We enjoyed a wonderful presentation on orchids, introduced the new Master Gardener Board, and recognized our county award winners. The meeting was made even better with lovely cookies, warm cider, and great company.

In other news, everyone's favorite Zoom program, Grow Your Own Groceries, is hosting its own conference this year! If you're interested, the registration link is now live—be sure to check it out below.

Please keep safe in warm this weekend.

Happy Gardening,
Derek Reed

It's the start of a new year! If you are in need of extra hours check out upcoming volunteer opportunities.

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The STUFF Committee is pleased to share two new offerings in our PCMG Gear Store! As Master Gardeners, we spend a good deal of time in the elements and deserve to have our skin protected from over exposure to the sun.

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THE Magnolia CHRONICLE

Pulaski County Master Gardener Newsletter



The latest edition of the Magnolia Chronicle is here! Inside, you'll find a message from our president, Michele Wasson, the importance of volunteer hours, learn about our Little Rock Greenhouse project, what's bugging you, and so much more!

Magnolia Chronicle



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Feb. 10, 2026 • 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Conway Expo & Event Center
2505 East Oak St., Conway

<https://www.uaex.uada.edu/yard-garden/vegetables/grow-groceries-presentations.aspx>

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Protect Pipes During a Freeze and Conserve Water

During freezing temperatures, we leave faucets dripping to avoid freezing pipes and the plumbing bills that come with repairs. However, dripping faucets can increase your water bill and may even lead to local water shortages. There are ways you can conserve water while still avoiding freezing pipes.

According to the National Weather Service, here's what you need to do to protect pipes. Set faucets to trickle when temperatures are below freezing. Open cabinet doors for heat to reach pipes under the sink. Keep your thermostat at 55 degrees and above. Keep an eye on the weather and turn off faucets when temperatures are above freezing.

While dripping faucets, focus effort on taking steps to conserve water in other ways. In the kitchen and bathrooms, turn off water between tasks instead of letting it run. Turn off the tap while brushing your teeth. Take a short shower instead of a longer shower or bath. Run the dishwasher and washing machine only when full – avoid washing partial loads.

References

National Weather Service. <https://www.weather.gov/media/aly/PSAs/ExtremeCold.pdf>

Environmental Protection Agency. <https://www.epa.gov/watersense/start-saving>