



GREATER GREENVILLE Master Gardeners

NEWCOMERS GUIDE

Welcome to the Upstate! This information is being provided to help you and your family 'GET GROWING' in the Greater Greenville County area. We hope you enjoy your new home and all it has to offer!

GROWING ZONES: Greater Greenville County is in the Upstate (Piedmont) Planting Region of S.C. To help you select the right plant for your yard please refer to the Carolina Yards Database at <https://www.clemson.edu/extension/carolinayards/plant.../index.html>

COLD HARDINESS ZONES: Greenville County varies from Zone 7b to 8a. You can determine the plant hardiness for your specific area by visiting the USDA Plant Hardiness Zone Map at <http://planthardiness.ars.usda.gov>. Enter your zip code for a map to display.

WEATHER: Here you will experience 4 distinct seasons. Below you will find the monthly averages for Greenville, S.C.

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Record high	82	81	91	94	100	105	107	105	101	97	86	79	107
Average high	52.4	56.6	64.5	72.8	80.2	87.5	90.3	88.6	82.2	72.8	63.5	54.1	72.1
Average low	32.0	34.9	41.2	48.3	57.2	65.8	69.4	68.7	61.8	50.4	41.3	34.0	50.4
Record low	-6	-5	11	22	27	40	53	50	32	25	11	3	-6
Precipitation (Inches)	3.82	3.97	4.52	3.36	3.76	3.80	4.80	4.48	3.43	3.44	3.70	4.11	47.19
Snowfall (Inches)	2.3	1.0	0.9	trace	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.1	0.4	4.7
Avg. precipitation days	10.2	9.2	9.6	9.0	9.7	10.4	11.7	10.4	8.1	7.2	8.9	9.8	114.2
Avg. snowy days	1.2	0.7	0.3	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.1	0.4	2.8

Source: Greenville County Visitors Bureau

FROST DATES: Our average first frost date falls in the date range of Oct. 21-Oct. 31.

<https://www.plantmaps.com/interactive-south-carolina-first-frost-date-map.php>

The date range for our last frost of the season is Apr. 21 - Apr. 30 and can be found at

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SOIL: "Piedmont and mountain soils in S.C. are often referred to as "red clay" soils. Even though they are often red in color many times they aren't clay soils at all. The clayey soils are often subsoils exposed by poor logging and farming practices in the past. Piedmont soils are often heavier than soils in the lower part of the state; they are less porous, take longer to dry, and runoff occurs more readily" - J.Powell Smith, PhD, Associate Professor of Entomology and former Lexington County Extension Agent.

For soils in your county, visit the USDA National Resources Conservation Service Web Soil Survey site at

<http://soils.usda.gov/survey>.

For instructions on how to do a proper soil test of your yard refer to our HGIC website at

<https://hgic.clemson.edu/> and enter Factsheet Number 1652, Soil Testing.

NATIVE PLANTS: From Allegheny Spurge to Yaupon Holly, you will find helpful information and lists of native plants at <https://hgic.clemson.edu/>, enter Factsheet Number 1852, An Introduction to Native Plants for SC Landscapes. Also visit www.scnps.com.

INVASIVE PLANTS: Be aware of invasive species before buying and planting in your yard. Acquaint yourself with this information at www.scnps.com. To see the official listing of plant pests in S.C. please refer to www.clemson.edu/invasives.

HELPFUL RESOURCES:

- Greater Greenville Master Gardeners Association (GGMGA) www.ggmga.org
- Become a Master Gardener <http://www.ggmga.org/become-a-master-gardener.html>
- Rent a Master Gardener <http://www.ggmga.org/rent-a-master-gardener.html>
- Home & Garden Information Center (HGIC) <https://hgic.clemson.edu/>
- Carolina Yards Plant Database www.clemson.edu/cy/plants
- Plant & Pest Diagnostic Clinic <https://www.clemson.edu/public/regulatory/plant-problem>

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

- Connect with us on Facebook - Greater Greenville Master Gardeners.
- Ask-A-Master Gardener - Look for our volunteers at Farmers Markets and Community Fairs around Greenville County to answer your gardening or landscaping related questions.
- Our Annual Symposium - Always held in February at the Greenville Convention Center. Visit our website www.ggmga.org for dates.
- Our Annual Plant Sale - Always held in April at the Roper Mountain Science Center. Check our website www.ggmga.org for dates.
- Sow & Grow Lecture Series - Visit our website www.ggmga.org for dates/times.
- The *Seed Library* is housed at the Berea (Sarah Doby Jones) branch library and provides 60 varieties of seeds free year-round. www.greenvillelibrary.org/seed-library

FAMILY FUN PLACES TO VISIT:

- Linky Stone Childrens Garden - Located downtown at the corner of Broad and River Street.
- Butterfly Garden - Roper Mountain Science Center (RMSC)
- Heritage/Herb Garden - RMSC
- Jr. Master Gardener Camp - RMSC

All locations are maintained by GGMGA. Our volunteers are present during Second Saturday events at the RMSC to answer questions. Check our website www.ggmga.org for the Butterfly Adventure and Jr. Master Gardener Camp held each summer. Fees may apply.

FAMILY FUN FACTS:

- ◇ State Flower: *Yellow Jessamine*
- ◇ State Wildflower: *Goldenrod*
- ◇ State Tree: *Sabal Palmetto*
- ◇ State Grass: *Indian Grass*
- ◇ State Vegetable: *Collard Greens*
- ◇ State Butterfly: *Tiger Swallowtail*
- ◇ State Bird: *Carolina Wren*
- ◇ State Insect: *Carolina Mantid(Praying Mantis)*