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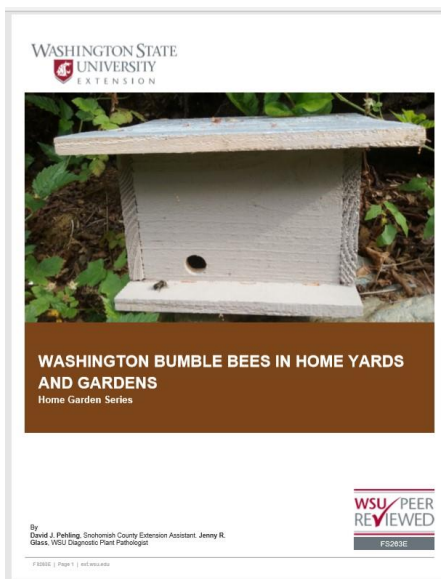
A monthly e-newsletter from the Master Gardener Foundation of King County

Extend Your Resources

This is the latest in a series of articles highlighting WSU Extension home gardening publications and other helpful clinic resources.

WSU Extension Publications: Read Up On Bumble Bees, Lady Beetles, Mycorrhizae, and Rain Barrels

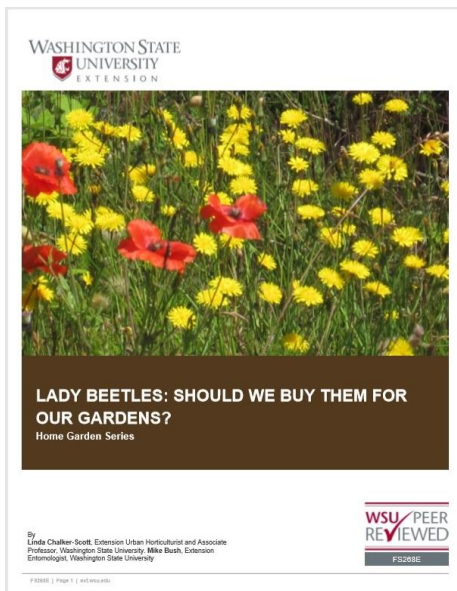
These publications were added to our Clinic resources at the beginning of the 2018 season. Now that most of our clinics are finished, you may have some time to catch up on your reading. Watch for news of more publications in 2019.



Washington Bumble Bees in Home Yards and Gardens:

There are at least 23 species of bumble bees in Washington state. These amazing creatures are some of the earliest pollinators to arrive in the spring, using their flight muscles to raise their body temperature and furriness to keep themselves warm. Plan now to make your yard and garden more bee-friendly next season.

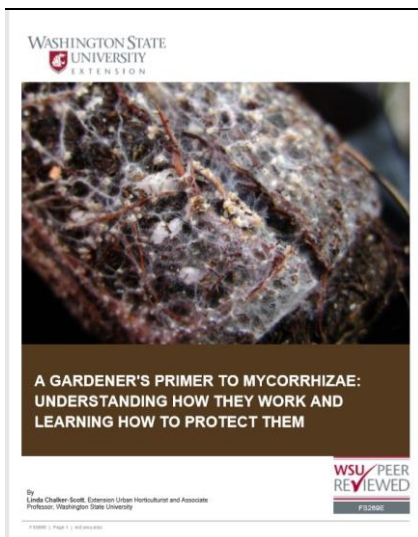
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Lady Beetles: Should We Buy Them for Our Gardens?

Capturing, selling, and importing lady beetles is big business. But is importing them into our gardens the right thing to do? This article points out some unintended consequences of purchasing lady beetles for your home garden, and actions that you can take to attract and retain these beneficial insects as well as other insect predators.

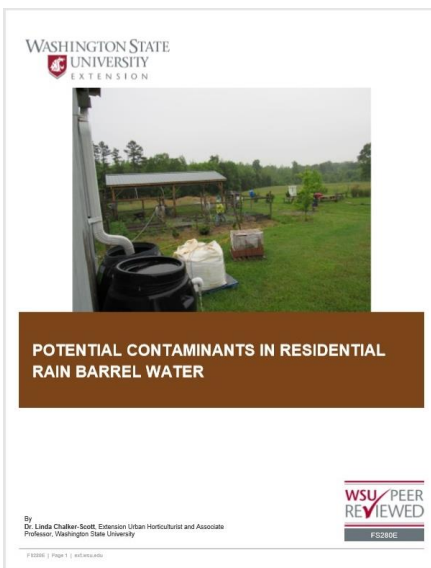
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A Gardener's Primer to Mycorrhizae: Understanding How They Work and Learning How to Protect Them:

What do you know about mycorrhizae? Do you even know how to pronounce it (*my-co-ry-zeh*)? Understanding how these organisms work can help us ensure they can create symbiotic relationships with a variety of plants in our landscape.

Read [FS269E](#)



Potential Contaminants in Residential Rain Barrel Water:

Catching rain water in a barrel to use in your landscape might seem like a good ecological idea. However, gardeners should be aware that there are concerns about bacteria and other contaminants that should factor in to that decision. This publication discusses those concerns, and also lists some practices to reduce the potential damage.

Read [FS280E](#)

WSU Publications:

There are well over 200 home gardening publications available at pubs.wsu.edu Most are free to download. Many of these publications are also posted at WSU's *Gardening in Washington State*: gardening.wsu.edu