

## **We Can Help.**

# **Master Gardeners of Union County Helpline**

**Hours:** March-October: Monday -Thursday 9am-3pm Friday 9am-1pm  
November-February: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9am-12pm

- **Rutgers recommendation fact sheets** which describe the best ways to deal with the problems listed below.
- **Free Services for Union County residents:**
  - **In person** at our Helpline office: 300 North Avenue East, Westfield
  - **by phone:** 908-654-9852
  - **by email:** 908-654-9852
- **Samples examined** at our Helpline office at: 300 North Ave. East, Westfield

### ***Insect Identification***

- In addition to giving garden advice, Master Gardener volunteers of the Garden Helpline have been trained to identify insects for you.
- In the fall and winter we identify insects that invade homes seeking shelter as well as food-infesting insects that thrive in warm houses during the winter months.
- In spring and summer, we identify the insects that can damage your home or kill your trees, shrubs or flower and vegetable gardens.
- Ticks - Identification of the four hard bodied ticks in our area:

***It is our policy that you inform your doctor whenever you are bitten by a tick.***

### ***Plant Culture***

- In the winter months, our Helpliners recommend house plant culture, insect and disease control information.
- Soil test kits are sold to ensure healthy soil for maximum growth.
- Detection of garden problems to best maintain a healthy landscape.

### ***Wildlife control***

- Helpliners can suggest how to best control wildlife in Union County