

## Excellence in Gardening Awards Deadline is July 7 & FREE Beneficial Insects Workshop Saturday, July 8!

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Reminders: Chicago Excellence in Gardening Awards applications are due by July 7 & FREE beneficial insects workshop on Saturday, July 8!

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# Beneficial Insects for the Garden

Saturday, July 8 @ 10am  
Center for Green Technology, 445 N. Sacramento Blvd. Chicago, IL

There is still time to register for our FREE workshop this Saturday!

If you need an army of green lacewings, a crew of lady beetles, or a stigmomantid team to help in your garden, join Allen Lawrance, Associate Curator of Entomology at the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum, for an exciting and informative workshop about beneficial insects for the garden.

Pollinators, predators, and parasitoids are among the many insects you may be delighted

to find in your garden. By helping plants reproduce and controlling pests these beneficial insects provide valuable ecosystem services that can help reduce our reliance on insecticides. Learn about some of the various species of beneficial insects you may encounter, how source them, and how to encourage them to inhabit your garden.

When: Saturday, July 8 at 10am

Where: Center for Green Technology, 445 N. Sacramento Blvd., Chicago, IL

This is a FREE event! Please register in advance, seating is limited.

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## Chicago Excellence in Gardening Awards Deadline Extended to July 7!

Is your garden looking gorgeous after all your hard work and the beautiful summer sun and rain we've had the last couple of weeks? Have you entered your garden in the Chicago Excellence in Gardening Awards Competition yet?

Good news: you still have a few days! The deadline has been extended to July 7. The contest is sponsored by Chicago Community Gardeners Association, The Mike Nowak Show, University of Illinois Extension: Cook County, Shedd Aquarium, Natural Awakenings Chicago Magazine and the Chicago Flower & Garden Show.

Read more about it in [this DNAinfo article](#) published a few days ago!

Applications will be accepted online through July 7 [HERE](#)



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