

Who are Master Gardeners?

Master Gardeners are individuals of all ages who love gardening and desire to continue learning through advance education courses and community service. They are members of the local community who are interested in lawns, trees, shrubs, flowers, gardens, and the environment.

Who can be a Master Gardener?

- Do you have knowledge or experience in gardening or landscape management?
- Are you willing to learn and provide research-based horticultural information to the public?
- Can you attend all training sessions?
- Can you volunteer at least 30 hours to educational horticulture programs through your local University of Missouri Extension Center?

What kind of training do Master Gardeners receive?

Master Gardener Trainee requirements:

- **30 - 45 hours** of require classroom horticultural education taught by horticulture experts.
 - Education topics: plant growth, pest management, vegetables, fruits, flowers, trees, shrubs, soils, the environmental, etc.
- **30 hours** of continued education volunteer internship.

Certified Master Gardeners are individuals who have completed the core course training & the initial volunteer requirement.

Active Master Gardeners volunteer at least 20 hours of horticultural education service per year at their local University of Missouri Extension Center.

How much does the training cost?

A minimal course materials fee is charged for participation. The total fee may vary from site to site, but the base fee is currently \$150. Your volunteer time as an intern is considered partial payment for the training received.

What do Master Gardeners do?

Master Gardeners train volunteers and educate the local community about safe, effective and sustainable horticultural practices that build healthy gardens, landscapes, and communities. The University of Missouri Extension specialists and Advanced Master Gardeners are available to help and advise local home gardeners.

Other opportunities include:

- ✓ Master Gardeners organize educational presentations for groups, such as garden clubs, community associations, or local schools.
- ✓ Work in the community, helping local residents diagnose plant and insect problems.

- ✓ Write articles for newsletters, newspapers and other publications.
- ✓ Staff exhibits a home and garden shows and fairs.
- ✓ Organize community gardening projects.
- ✓ Develop youth gardening programs.
- ✓ Teach gardening classes.
- ✓ Conduct home horticulture research.
- ✓ Assist in senior gardening programs.



How can I become a Master Gardener?

Please fill out the Master Gardener Interest Form on the back of this flyer and return it to the address indicated. Your request for information will be forwarded on to the closest Master Gardener training site. Or call your local University of Missouri Extension Center to see if there is a class near your home. Classes are offered periodically, in the fall, winter, and spring. Applications are accepted shortly before classes begin.

Master Gardener Interest Form

I am interested in becoming a Master Gardener. Please send me an application and more information about the Master Gardener program in Missouri.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

County _____

Day Phone _____

Email _____

I prefer a: morning class
 evening class

Return to:
University of Missouri Extension - Phelps County
Courthouse, 200 North Main Street
Rolla, MO 65401

Phone: (573) 458-6260
Email: phelpsc@missouri.edu



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