
Is the Extension Master GardenerSM program for You?

To help you decide if you should apply to be an Extension Master Gardener volunteer ask yourself these questions:

- Do I want to learn more about the care of many types of plants?
- Am I eager to participate in a practical and intense training program?
- Do I look forward to sharing my knowledge with people in my community?
- Do I have enough time to attend training and to complete volunteer service?

If you answered yes to these questions, the Extension Master Gardener program could be for you!



Master Gardener volunteers serve in a variety of roles, including leading demonstrations.



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You Can Become an **Extension Master GardenerSM Volunteer!**



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Who Are Master GardenerSM Volunteers?



Extension Master GardenerSM volunteers are members of the local community who take an active interest in gardening and their community. They are

enthusiastic, willing to learn and help others, and able to communicate with diverse groups of people.

As part of the volunteer staff of NC State Extension, Master Gardener volunteers provide unbiased, research based educational assistance and programs in horticulture and sustainable gardening to the public.

What really sets Master Gardener volunteers apart is their special training in horticulture and willingness to educate others. In exchange for their training, persons who become Master Gardener volunteers contribute time as volunteers, working through their local Cooperative Extension office to provide horticultural information to the public.

Extension Master Gardener Training

Becoming a Master Gardener volunteer begins with applying and being accepted into your local Extension Master Gardener program. Once accepted, you will participate in an intensive training course that will introduce you to a wide range of horticultural topics from the Extension Gardener Handbook, with a focus on finding research-based information and sharing the science behind sustainable gardening.

Volunteer Opportunities

Once initial training is complete, volunteers complete a minimum 40 hour internship to learn even more about horticulture, give back to their community, and gain Master Gardener volunteer certification.

To remain active in the program, Master Gardener volunteers complete at least 30 hours of volunteer service each year. Volunteer opportunities include:

- Diagnosing plant, insect and disease issues,
- Staffing plant clinics and educational exhibits,
- Creating and maintaining educational demonstration gardens
- Giving lectures on various gardening topics,
- Volunteering in local schools to teach youth about plants, insects and the environment.

Volunteers work with their Extension agent to determine which opportunities will make the best use of their time, talents and interests and meet the needs of Cooperative Extension's educational programs.

Why You Should Become a Master Gardener Volunteer:

- To become knowledgeable in a wide range of sustainable gardening topics and practices.
- To help your community and share your knowledge with others.
- To increase your confidence and horticultural skills, enabling you to assist the public with questions and problems involving gardening.
- To meet others who share your interest in gardening.

Learn more!

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