

Snohomish County MG Program

Master Gardener Basic Training Topics

Online Training Topics

Basic Botany	Entomology
Plant Nomenclature and Identification	Plant Pathology
Soil Science	Plant Problem Diagnosis
Urban Soil Management	Weeds and Weed Management
Plant Mineral Nutrition and Fertilizers	Vertebrate Pest Management
Vegetable Gardening	Plant Health Care and IPM
Home Orchards	Understanding Pesticides
Berries and Small Fruits	Pruning Woody Landscape Plants
Lawns	Composting
Herbaceous Landscape Plants	Fire-resistant Landscaping for the Home and Community
Trees and Woody Landscape Plants	Waterwise Landscaping
Backyard Forest Stewardship	Greenhouse Construction and Management
Houseplants	

In Class Training Topics*

Plant Nutrition	Natural yard care and Rain Gardens
Composting & worm bins	Small trees planting and growing considerations
Botany	Home Orchards
Plant ID	Small Fruits
Lawns	Native trees
Weed Management	Vertebrate pests
Noxious weeds	Vegetable gardening
Plant Pathology	Vegetable varieties that work well
Plant Problem Diagnosis	Vegetable Planting in smaller areas
Backyard Pollinators	How to start seeds
Invasive species – insects	Pruning Basics
Entomology	Integrated Pest Management
Water quality - Protecting our water sources	Pesticides

Optional Training Topics offered at the end of the training day*

Tool Sharpening	Honeybee introduction
Starting a vegetable garden from scratch	Plant Problem diagnosis with expert at McCollum Park
Using Latin to decipher plant names	Great plant picks for use in cuttings and floral design
Vertical Gardening	Propagating from woody cuttings
Native Tree ID in McCollum Park with an expert	
House Plants	

**Topics may vary somewhat from year to year.*