



What is the Master Gardener Program?

The WSU Extension Master Gardener Program works to provide public education in gardening and environmental stewardship generated from research at WSU and other university systems. The Master Gardener Program is open to everyone with an interest in gardening and a willingness to use their knowledge, experience, and enthusiasm to make a positive impact on their local community.

If you are looking for a way to expand your gardening knowledge and serve your community, we hope you will consider joining this premier program of WSU by registering for our 2019 Master Gardener Training Course.

What is the 2019 Master Gardener Training Course?

The 2019 Master Gardener Training course is an 11 week training that consists of an online course through WSU, which is then supported by classroom lectures and field trips.

Master Gardener Training is a blend of online and classroom learning. The online course is developed by WSU is taken at home, on your own time. It is divided into modules that cover core competencies required by all WSU MG volunteers in the state. These modules consist of presentations by WSU faculty, chapter readings from the WSU MG Manual, videos, exercises, and other resources. Quizzes for each module are based on the MG Training Manual chapter(s) included in modules. In the classroom, we supplement the online content with lectures on horticultural topics from local experts, field trips to outstanding local and regional garden and farms, and hands-on learning activities with experienced Master Gardener volunteers.

Training topics include Botany and Plant ID, Soils and Plant Nutrition, Entomology, Plant Pathology and Plant Problem Diagnosis, Weed Management, IPM and Pesticides, Woody Landscape Plants, Herbaceous Landscape Plants, Berries, Fruit Crops, Vegetables, Sustainable Gardening, Vertebrate Pests, and water quality.

2019 Training will be held in Sequim, in the PUD building (104 Hooker Rd, Sequim, WA 98382 – Lake Crescent Room) on Thursdays from 9 AM – 4PM starting on February 21st and will last 11 weeks until graduation day on May 2nd. Here are the following dates: Feb. 21, Feb. 28, Mar. 7, Mar. 14, Mar. 21, Mar. 28, Apr. 4, Apr. 11, Apr. 18, Apr. 25, May. 2

The class fee is \$175 per person and is due upon official acceptance to the program. An additional fee of \$75 will be charged by WSU, payable online when you register for the online portion of training. The two fees bring the total cost for training to \$250, which includes all training materials. We do have limited numbers of scholarships available, and want to ensure that the inability to pay will not prevent anyone from doing the training.



Once community members have completed the training, they will be a Master Gardener Intern. Interns are asked to contribute 100 hours of volunteer service over a period of two years, at least 50 hours during the first year. Volunteer activities include participating in plant clinics, working at our demonstration gardens, doing public education projects, and other fun things. Upon completion of the 100 hours, they will be considered a veteran Master Gardener.

If space permits, auditors may be accepted into the class. Auditors will incur no obligation to contribute volunteer hours, will not be Master Gardeners, and will be charged \$500 for the training.

How do I apply for the Master Gardener Training Course?

1. Please fill out the application form [here](#)
 - o Or contact the program coordinator for the application
2. Please answer all questions fully and completely on both part A & B of the written application.
3. You may continue any question onto a separate sheet of paper. Incomplete or illegible applications may be delayed
4. Sign and date the application in all three required places
5. Submit the original application (part A & B) via email or to the address on the last page
6. Space is limited (25 interns) so we will process applications on a first come, first serve basis. So get your applications in!
7. You will be kept informed of your application status by e-mail
8. We will acknowledge receipt of your application usually within a week of receipt
9. But please allow up to four weeks for us to complete the initial review

What Do Master Gardeners Do?

- They serve the community and enjoy the camaraderie of great people who love gardening, learning, and serving.
- Assist the public diagnosing their plant problems in [plant clinics](#).
- Participate in the design, development, and maintenance of the [Woodcock Demonstration Garden](#) in Sequim and the [5th Street Community Garden](#) in Port Angeles.
- Develop and present fun and stimulating plant and gardening related [educational programs](#) to school children in Clallam County.
- Conduct classes and workshops for the general public about a wide variety of horticulture topics.
- Participate in continuing education to further develop personal gardening knowledge and skills.
- Conduct plant sales to provide plants to the public at bargain prices (and to raise money for the [Master Gardener Foundation](#)).
- Put on the annual Home Garden Tour of beautiful and unique area gardens.
- Staff Master Gardener information booths at the Clallam County Fair, home shows, and other events.