

## Course Content

The training includes classroom work, field trips, and tours. Topics include the following:

- ✿ Basic Botany
- ✿ Garden Management
- ✿ Basic Entomology
- ✿ Insect Identification & Management
- ✿ Integrated Pest Management
- ✿ Pesticide Safety & Use
- ✿ Soil Management
- ✿ Disease Identification & Management
- ✿ Composting
- ✿ Lawn Care & Management
- ✿ Vegetables
- ✿ Small Fruits
- ✿ Tree Fruits
- ✿ Weed Control
- ✿ Landscape Plants
- ✿ Pruning Principles
- ✿ Water Quality Issues
- ✿ Ornamental Plant Care
- ✿ Plant Problem Diagnosis



## Frequently Asked Questions

- Q. *What is required to become a certified WSU Master Gardener?***
- A. Attend 60+ hours of basic training and complete all assignments. Perform 50 hours of Master Gardener volunteer service.
- Q. *Do I need to be recertified every year?***
- A. Yes, you must attend 10 hours of approved advanced training and perform 25 hours of volunteer service each year.
- Q. *Is there a cost to attend the training and being part of the program?***
- A. Yes, the fee for volunteers to participate in the program is \$175. This covers \$75 for the online training program with WSU and a local fee of \$100.
- Q. *Can I just take the training without committing to the volunteer time?***
- A. Yes, if you are employed in the landscape, nursery industry, or work for a government agency that requires horticultural skill, you may take the class for a fee of \$175.

WSU Grant-Adams Extension

# 2021 Master Gardener Basic Training

*Become a*  
**Master Gardener Volunteer**



*What the program can offer you...*



**Master Gardener Program**

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# WSU Master Gardener Program



## Volunteers have the opportunity to:

- Expand their horticultural knowledge.
- Extend their knowledge on all aspects of consumer horticulture and gardening to the general public, including youth.
- Work as a team member to solve gardening problems.
- Serve their communities in a volunteer capacity.
- Enjoy the company of dedicated gardeners.

## Primary responsibilities are to:

- Serve as an educator and resource person on horticulture and gardening topics.
- Compile and distribute educational materials on consumer horticulture.
- Assist in preparing and staffing exhibits, displays, booths, and demonstration sites.
- Serve as a team member with WSU Extension staff and other volunteers in planning and presenting consumer horticulture information.

## Course instructors:

The course will be taught by WSU Extension faculty, Master Gardeners, and industry specialists. The online training program will be supplemented with hands-on and lab activities.

## Volunteer qualifications:

- Have a strong volunteer ethic.
- Commit to becoming a volunteer educator for WSU Extension.
- Commit to the 60 hour WSU Master Gardener online volunteer basic training course and complete all assignments and quizzes.
- Volunteer a minimum of 50 hours of educational service during a one-year period upon completion of training.
- Be available to perform volunteer work at times needed by the local WSU Extension program.
- Pass a WSP background screening.
- Read, sign, and abide by the *WSU Master Gardener Pest Management Recommendation Agreement*.
- View the required Put the Child First training.

## Online training program schedule:

The training will begin in September 2021. Participants will need access to a computer and an email address. Application are due by August 1, 2021. They can be hand delivered or mailed to the office. By email: [ga.mgvolunteers@wsu.edu](mailto:ga.mgvolunteers@wsu.edu)



## Contact Information

Thank you for your interest in the Master Gardener Program.

For additional information and for application materials, please complete and mail this form to:

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Email: [ga.mgvolunteers@wsu.edu](mailto:ga.mgvolunteers@wsu.edu)

Name

Address

City

State

Zip

Phone

Email



Reasonable accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities and special needs who contact the Extension Office, 509-754-2011 at least one week prior to an event.