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 \$189. This covers \$75 for the online training program with WSU, a local fee of \$100 and \$14 for a background check.

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 County Extension

2024 Master Gardener Basic Training

Become a

Master Gardener Volunteer



What the program can offer you...



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 2024. Participants will need access to a computer and an email address. Application are due by August 1, 2024. They can be hand delivered or mailed to the office. By email: ga.mgvolunteers@wsu.edu



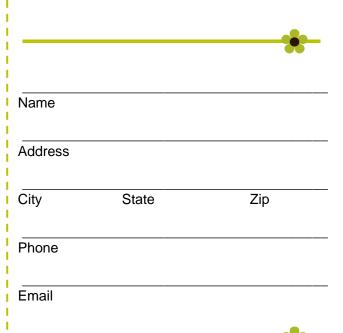
Contact Information

Thank you for your interest in the Master Gardener Program.

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

Master Gardener Program WSU Grant County Extension 1525 E. Wheeler Rd. Moses Lake, WA 98837

Phone: 509-754-2011 Ext. 4313 Email: ga.mgvolunteers@wsu.edu



Reasonable accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities and special needs who contact the Extension Office, 509-754-2011, Ext. 4313, at least one week prior to an event.