

EXTENSION MASTER GARDENER BASIC TRAINING

2025 VIRTUAL AND LOCAL CONNECTION SESSIONS



PURDUE EXTENSION
MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM

Purdue Extension in Allen, LaGrange, Noble, and Whitley Counties invite you to participate in the 2025 Extension Master Gardener Basic Training course. This training will equip you to become a Purdue Extension Master Gardener volunteer. Our four local counties have planned a "local connection class" to attend in person roughly once every two weeks. Schedule subject to change.

VIRTUAL CLASS SCHEDULE

Access content from home.
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

January 28 Test Connect Session, optional, 6:30 – 7:30 pm (ET)
February 4 Virtual Orientation

February 11 Virtual Plant Science
February 18 Virtual Soils and Plant Nutrition

February 25 Virtual Invasive Species
March 4 Virtual Plant Disease Diagnosis
March 11 Virtual Weed ID and Control

March 18 Virtual Animal Pests
March 25 Virtual Insect ID and Control

April 1 Virtual Pesticide Safety and Alternatives
April 8 Virtual Herbaceous Ornamentals

April 15 Virtual Woody Ornamentals
April 22 Virtual Fruit Gardening

April 29 Virtual Lawn Care
May 6 Virtual Vegetable Gardening

LOCAL CONNECTION CLASSES - DATES, TOPICS, AND LOCATIONS

In-person classes from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Note unique locations & staff.

FEB 10 Local Orientation (virtual) - All staff
(<https://purdue-edu.zoom.us/j/97208791331>, 6:30-8:30 pm)

FEB 24 Plant Science, Soils and Plant Nutrition, Rain Gardens - Ann & John @ Noble County Public Library, 813 E. Main St., Albion, IN 46701

MAR 17 Plant Diseases, Weeds - Ann & John @ Chain O'Lakes State Park (Stanley Schoolhouse), 2355 E 75 S, Albion, IN 46701

MAR 31 Animal and Insect Pests - Jeff & Cora @ Maple Wood Nature Center, 4550 E 100 S, LaGrange, IN 46761

APR 14 Pesticide Safety, Herbaceous Ornamentals - Cora & Ann @ Avia Gardens, 11823 E 300 N, Avilla, IN 46710

APR 28 Woody Ornamentals & Fruit - Jeff & John @ Orchard Hill Farms, 11061 E 415 N, Kendallville, IN 46755

MAY 12 Lawn care, Vegetables, Test Prep - Cora & Jeff @ Allen County Extension Office, 4001 Crescent Ave, Fort Wayne, IN 46815

DATE TBD Wrap up; where do I go from here?



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