

## As a Purdue Extension Master Gardener, you:

- Study horticultural plants and their pests
- Improve gardening skills
- Teach others
- Enhance your community
- Have fun!

Get trained and help others grow where you live.

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## Become a Purdue Extension Master Gardener Volunteer



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*"Helping Others Grow"*



## Become Part of the Purdue Extension Network

The Purdue Extension Master Gardener Program makes the latest information about gardening and home horticulture available to people like you — individuals with a deep interest in gardening.

Purdue Extension Master Gardener Volunteers help others grow by sharing what they learn and by leading educational gardening activities in their communities.

The Master Gardener Program model began in 1973 in Seattle, Washington, in response to public demand for home gardening information. Indiana's program started in 1978 with four counties: Allen, Lake, Marion, and Vanderburgh. Currently, many Indiana counties offer the Purdue Extension Master Gardener Program.



## Gain Gardening Knowledge and Skills

As part of the program, you'll attend at least 40 hours of training. Each class lasts three to four hours.

You'll learn more about:

- Plant science
- Plant nutrition
- Soil science
- Pest identification, diagnosis, and control for:
  - Animals
  - Insects
  - Plant diseases
  - Weeds
  - Invasive species
- Pesticide safety and pesticide alternatives
- Care of specific plant types:
  - Home lawns
  - Herbaceous ornamentals
  - Vegetables
  - Fruits
  - Woody ornamentals

In addition, you may learn about:

- Indoor gardening
- Landscape design
- Yard waste management

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## Get Trained, Have Fun, and Get Certified

After the training classes, you will take an exam. If you score 70 percent or higher, you will become an Extension Master Gardener Intern.

To be a certified Purdue Extension Master Gardener, you must also volunteer at least 40 hours in approved activities within two years of completing the training. To remain active, Purdue Extension Master Gardeners must continue to volunteer a minimum of 12 hours a year and earn six hours of approved training each year.

## Visit Your Purdue Extension Office to Learn More!

Get trained as a Purdue Extension Master Gardener through the Purdue Extension office in your county. To learn more, visit:

[www.hort.purdue.edu/mg](http://www.hort.purdue.edu/mg)

Or, you may contact the state coordinator's office to determine which Purdue Extension office offers the Purdue Extension Master Gardener program near you:

(765) 494-4713

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## The Cost

You'll pay \$150-\$200 for materials and expenses.