

As a Purdue 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 Master Gardener



“Helping Others Grow”

Become Part of the Purdue Extension Network

The Purdue 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 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 1972 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 Master Gardener Program.



Gain Gardening Knowledge and Skills

As part of the program, you'll attend 12 to 18 weeks of classes. 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
- Pesticide safety and pesticide alternatives
- Care of specific plant types:
 - Home lawns
 - Herbaceous ornamentals
 - Vegetables
 - Woody ornamentals

In addition, you may learn about:

- Home fruit production
- Indoor gardening
- Landscape design
- Yard waste management

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 a Master Gardener Intern.

To be certified a Master Gardener, you must also volunteer for at least 35 hours within two years of completing training. To remain active, Purdue Master Gardeners must continue to volunteer at least 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 Master Gardener through the Purdue Extension office in your county. To learn more, visit:

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

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The Cost

You'll pay \$100-\$200 for materials and expenses.

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