



Master Gardener Volunteer General Training

Welcome to the
Master Gardener Volunteer Program!

The Master Gardener program is first and foremost a volunteer organization. It is specifically designed through the University of Wisconsin to train volunteers in all areas of horticulture to assist the University of Wisconsin-Extension educators.

This training program will provide a strong foundation in which participants can continuously build upon and bring their knowledge into the communities through volunteer projects.

The training program is designed for everyone. Whether you are a beginner gardener or an experienced gardener there is always something new to learn! We will break down the fundamentals of horticulture and use them as our building blocks. You will learn the how's and why's of plant growth, plant ecosystems, and environmental impacts. From soil quality to backyard wildlife there are fun and interesting facts that will amaze you.

Master Gardener Volunteers operate under UW-Extension organizational policies in delivering information to the public.

Come join us!



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Master Gardener Volunteer Training Spring 2012



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What is the Master Gardener Volunteer Training Program?

The Master Gardener program is an all-volunteer organization sanctioned by Land Grant institutions in each state and functions as an extension of the college or university. Master Gardeners are trained volunteers who aid University of Wisconsin-Extension staff by helping people in the community better understand horticulture and their environment.

Requirements to become a Master Gardener Volunteer:



Participate in the 12-session General Master Gardener Volunteer Training course



Pass the final exam (open book, take home)



Complete Background check before training begins & sign volunteer agreement form.



Complete a minimum 24 hours of volunteer service before October 2012

Volunteer service includes (but is not limited to):

- * Assist UW-Extension in community educational outreach
- * Volunteering at local schools, parks, nursing homes, gardens, etc.
- * Staffing MGV Q & A booths at events

Subjects covered in program include:

- * Introduction to Master Gardener Volunteer Program & UW-Extension
- * General Botany
- * Plant Propagation
- * Insects
- * Fruit & Vegetables
- * Low Input Lawn Care
- * Weeds and Pest Management
- * Herbaceous Plants & Tree Identification
- * Plant Diseases
- * Soils & Composting
- * Woody Landscape Plants
- * Understanding the Pesticide Label

Class Information/Schedule:

Classes will be held at the **Walworth County Government Center** (100 W. Walworth St. Elkhorn, WI 53121)

Thursday evenings 5:15pm-8:15pm

2012 Class Schedule:

January 12 & 26

February 9 & 23

March 1, 22 & 29

April 12 & 26

May 10, 17 & 24



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Spring 2012 General Master Gardener Volunteer Program Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Phone _____

Email* _____

* If you have email we will send your registration confirmation to you by email

*Deadline for registration is
January 6, 2012*

Class fee is \$200.00. (Payment plans available)

Fee includes: the Wisconsin Master Gardener Program Manual, all classroom materials, speaker fees, light snacks, a Master Gardener Volunteer name badge, and one year membership to the Walworth County Master Gardener Association and the Wisconsin Master Gardener Association.

Please make checks payable to:
UW-Extension

Mail Registration to:
UW-Extension MGV
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