

# Become a Kentucky Master Gardener

## What is a Master Gardener?

### A Master Gardener Volunteer:

- has an interest in any type of gardening, such as vegetable or ornamental;
- wants to teach others to garden;
- wants to enhance their communities and the environment with service-oriented projects;
- is trained by Cooperative Extension Service personnel.

## What does a Master Gardener do?

### Master Gardeners help Extension's county agents reach more residents with gardening information by:

- visiting garden sites;
- working information booths at community events;
- maintaining demonstration gardens;
- teaching horticulture to beginning gardeners;
- using special talents, such as writing, photography and drawing, to benefit others;
- exploring environmentally friendly options to gardening problems.

## How do I become a Master Gardener?

You become a Master Gardener by successfully completing the Master Gardener training program and then volunteering your time.

## How are Master Gardeners trained?

Master Gardener training classes are conducted through the Cooperative Extension Service County offices by Cooperative Extension Service specialists, agents, and other horticulture professionals. During the training program, participants are taught many different horticulture subjects by experts in the field.

### Master Gardeners are trained in:

Botany  
Entomology  
Plant pathology  
Soils and fertilizers  
Pesticide use and safety  
Volunteerism

and one or more of the following:

Fruit and vegetable gardening  
Tree and shrub care  
Lawn care  
Flower gardening  
Organic Gardening

## What does the training cost?

The cost of training Master Gardeners varies from county to county. A fee is charged to cover the cost of the supplies and literature used in training. These materials are the Master Gardener's to keep. Your Extension agent will inform you of these costs.

## How do I enroll?

Fill out the side panel and return it to the designated County Extension Office