The Master Gardener™ Program is an Oregon State University Extension Service program that helps Oregon gardeners learn more about the art and science of growing and caring for plants. It also enables these trained volunteers to extend sustainable gardening information to their communities through educational outreach programs. Currently, more than 30 Oregon counties have active Master Gardener™ programs.

What do Master Gardeners™ do?
As a Master Gardener volunteer, you will work with your local OSU Extension agent to plan your volunteer time. What you do will vary according to Extension’s needs and your availability. Examples of Master Gardener activities include:

- Answering home gardening questions at the OSU Extension office
- Staffing plant clinics in the county
- Working on community beautification projects
- Working with local youth to enhance horticulture education
- Speaking to local groups about home gardening
- Working in the local demonstration garden
- And much more. . .

What will I learn?
After you have been accepted into the Master Gardener™ program, you will attend a series of weekly, full-day classes beginning in January. The program offers a basic, practical course in plant science and horticulture. Classes include:

- Cultural methods of growing gardens, lawns, fruit trees, and landscape plants
- Pest identification and control methods
- Sustainable gardening practices
- Soil management and plant nutrition
- Diagnosis of plant problems

All of these topics are covered in the OSU Extension Service publication, Sustainable Gardening: The Oregon-Washington Master Gardener Handbook, EM 8742 comprehensive gardening handbook for the Pacific Northwest, which is provided in the training program as a reference and study guide.

How do I enroll?
For more information, complete the form inside this brochure and send it to the OSU Extension Service in Tillamook County. You will be notified when the next training session is offered.

Visit OSU Master Gardeners on the Internet extension.oregonstate.edu/tillamook/mg.php
Do you want to learn more about plants, growing things, and gardening?
Are you eager to participate in a practical and intensive training program?
Do you look forward to sharing your knowledge with people in your area?
Do you have time to attend training and to complete volunteer work?

If you answered yes to these questions, check out the Oregon Master Gardener™ program!
Classes begin in January and run once a week through March.