



- Do you want to learn more about plants, sustainable gardening, and growing your own food?
- Are you eager to participate in a practical, intensive training program?
- Do you look forward to sharing your knowledge with people in your community?
- Do you have time to commit to trainings and to complete volunteer work?

If you answered yes to these questions, you'll want to check out the Oregon Master Gardener™ program!

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, 27 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 staff to educate the public about effective, sustainable gardening practices. What you do will vary according to Extension's needs and your desires and availability. Examples of activities include:

- At your local Extension office, answering gardening questions that come in via phone, email, or walk-in clients
- Staffing plant clinics at farmer markets or other community locations
- Working in community, school, or demonstration gardens
- Working on gardening seminars or conferences
- Speaking to local groups about home gardening
- And much more. . .

What will I learn?

After you are accepted into the Master Gardener™ program, you will attend a series of weekly, full-day classes. An online option also is available for these classes.

The program offers a basic, practical course in plant science and horticulture. Classes include:

- Cultural methods of sustainable gardening and growing your own food
- Diagnosis of plant problems and recommendations for research-based solutions
- Pest identification and a least-toxic approach to pest control
- Soil management and plant nutrition

All these topics are covered in the OSU Extension Service publication *Sustainable Gardening: The Oregon–Washington Master Gardener Handbook*, EM 8742, which will be available in the training program as a reference and study guide.

How do I enroll?

For more information, complete the form on the next page and send or take it to the nearest community horticulture agent listed. You will be notified when the next training session is offered.

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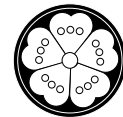
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Please include my name in your next mailing for OSU Master Gardener™ training applications. (*Application mailings vary from county to county. Check with your local office for class dates and more information.*)



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Email _____
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Mail or deliver this form to the nearest office of the OSU Extension Service listed in this brochure. You'll be notified when the next training session is offered. To learn more about the online Master Gardener™ course, please visit <http://ecampus.oregonstate.edu/workforce/master-gardener-online/>