

About the OSU Extension Master Gardener Program

- Linn County OSU Extension Service receives over 3,000 requests for home gardening information annually
- To provide this information, OSU Extension enlists the assistance of Master Gardener volunteers
- The Master Gardener program began in 1978 to teach volunteers about technical horticulture and the resources of the Oregon State University Extension Service
- The program provides Master Gardeners with tools to become better gardeners, the opportunity to network with fellow gardeners and the ability to share their knowledge



How long can I be an OSU Extension Master Gardener?

- You may be a Master Gardener as long as you wish
- To remain certified, each Master Gardener must complete an annual recertification program consisting of six hours of advanced training and ten hours of volunteer service in educational outreach
- Many Master Gardeners have remained active since their training
- Many become members of the Linn County Master Gardener Association
- This association holds monthly meetings to gain additional gardening knowledge, to plan educational community activities, to socialize, and of course, to share food!

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OSU Extension Master Gardeners use their training, research and knowledge to help home gardeners in Linn County learn research-based sustainable gardening practices through workshops, demonstrations and one-on-one help. Read more to find out how you can become an OSU Extension Master Gardener.

OSU Extension Master Gardener Interest Form

Yes, I am interested in the Linn County Master Gardener Program. Place my name on the list to receive an application for the volunteer training program.

Name _____

Address _____

E-mail _____

City _____

State & Zip _____

Telephone _____

Return to:

Master Gardener Program
OSU Extension Service, Linn Co.
PO Box 765/104 Fourth St. SW
Albany, OR 97321



Who are OSU Extension Master Gardeners?

- Master Gardeners receive intensive research-based training
- A minimum of 66 hours of volunteer time is required to complete the program
- Volunteer hours are spent giving back the community at the OSU Extension Service office and at farmers markets answering home gardening questions
- Master Gardeners also coordinate many fun and educational gardening events

How do I become an OSU Extension Master Gardener?

- Must have some gardening experience
- Willing to spend one day each week for eleven consecutive weeks in the classroom
- Must agree to spend 66 hours in volunteer service or remit \$500 for the course
- Spend a minimum of 46 hours at clinics or in the Extension office answering gardening questions for the general public
- Additional hours are spent by volunteering for Master Gardener community educational gardening activities

For further information please call our office at 541-967-3871 or visit our website at <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/linn/horticulture>



What should I expect in the class?

- Training is one day each week for 11 consecutive weeks starting in January
- Topics covered include botany basics, soils, plant nutrition, pest identification and control, diagnosis of plant problems, growing vegetables, lawns, fruit trees, composting and more
- Learn about what to expect at the Plant Clinics and how to answer frequently asked gardening questions
- Meet many other people who are interested in gardening and giving back to their community