

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 29 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 maximize your volunteer time. What you do will vary according to Extension's needs and your desires and availability. Examples of Master Gardener activities include:

- Answering home gardening questions at the OSU Extension office
- Staffing plant clinics at farmer markets or other locations in the county
- Working in community, school, or local demonstration gardens
- Working on gardening seminars or conferences
- Speaking to local groups about home gardening
- And much more. . .



What will I learn?

After you have been accepted into the Master Gardener™ program, you will attend a series of once a week, full-day classes beginning in January. The program offers a practical 10 to 12 week basic course in plant science and horticulture. Classes include:

- Cultural methods of sustainable gardening and growing your own food, gardens, lawns, fruit trees, and landscape plants
- Diagnosis of plant problems and recommendations for research-based solutions
- Pest identification and least toxic approach to pest control
- Sustainable gardening practices
- Soil management and plant nutrition

All of 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 in this brochure and send it to the OSU Extension Service in Tillamook County. You will be notified when the next training session is offered.



Please include my name in your next mailing for training applications to become an OSU Master Gardener™ volunteer.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

County _____

Phone (h) _____ (w) _____

e-mail _____

Mail this form to:
 OSU Extension Service
 Tillamook County
 2204 Fourth Street
 Tillamook OR 97141

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2009 Master Gardener Class



Demonstration Garden



Learning soil sample analysis

**Oregon State University Extension Service
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**Office Hours:
Monday - Friday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

The Tillamook County office of Oregon State University Extension Service is pleased to send you this information which is provided as an educational service by federal, state and county funds.

This publication will be made available in accessible formats upon request. Please call (503) 842-3433 for information. If you have a physical disability that requires special considerations in order for you to attend the Master Gardener Classes, please notify the office manager at (503) 842-3433 by December 15th.

Se puede obtener esta publicación en forma alternativa. Por favor llame al (503) 842-3433 para más información. Si usted tiene alguna incapacidad que necesite consideraciones especiales para que usted pueda asistir al Master Gardener Classes, por favor llame a directora de oficina al (503) 842-3433 antes de diciembre 15.

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- **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!

