

Master Gardeners are initially trained in the following areas:

Core Classes : 36 hours

- Orientation to Master Gardening
- Propagation
- Communications
- Entomology
- Botany
- Pathology
- Soils & Composting
- IPM & Pesticide Safety
- Turf
- Pruning
- Woody Ornamentals
- Vegetables

Additional Classes : ~10-18 hours

- Plant Identification
- Deer Resistant Plants
- Landscape Design
- Tree and Small Fruit
- Herbaceous Plants
- Garden Animals
- Native Plants

Volunteer Responsibilities

- Professionalism as set forth by Penn State Master Gardener Policy Guidelines.
- 50 hours of approved volunteer activities in the county for the first year; 20 hours in each subsequent year.
- Participation in Basic and Advanced Training.

What is Penn State Coop. Extension?

Penn State Cooperative Extension is one part of the University's College of Agriculture.

The mission of Penn State Cooperative Extension is to extend nonformal outreach educational opportunities to individuals, families, businesses, and communities throughout Pennsylvania.

Cooperative Extension education programs enable the Commonwealth to maintain a competitive and environmentally sound food and fiber system and prepare Pennsylvania's youth, adults, and families to enhance the quality of their lives and participate more fully in community decisions.

What is the Master Gardener Program?

The mission of the Penn State Master Gardener volunteer program is to support Penn State Cooperative Extension by utilizing research-based information to educate the public on best practices in consumer horticulture and environmental stewardship.

Master Gardeners are volunteers who successfully complete both an intensive training program and volunteer service.

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APPLICATION FORM

The fee for the next program will be listed with the full application packet. This covers the cost of a Master Gardener Manual, handouts, class materials and refreshments.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

County _____

Daytime Phone _____

Evening Phone _____

E-mail _____

For more information about this volunteer program, please call Linda Wiles, Extension Educator at 570-421-6430 or e-mail to lsw5@psu.edu

Mail your completed form to:

Monroe County Cooperative Extension
724 Phillips Street, Suite 201
Stroudsburg, PA 18360
Phone 570-421-6430

Master Gardener Program

Should I Become a Master Gardener?

Do you . . .

love gardening?

enjoy people?

want to learn more?

want to benefit your community?

If you answered yes to the above,
then consider Master Gardening.

Volunteer Qualifications

- Eager to learn about gardening.
- Committed to lifelong learning.
- Enthusiasm for sharing gardening knowledge and skills.
- Flexible time schedule to actively participate.
- Interest in practicing environmentally-friendly horticulture methods.
- Understanding and following Extension and Master Gardener mission.

Volunteer Opportunities

- Diagnose plant, insect and disease problems
- Write garden articles
- Hold lectures or workshops on gardening topics
- Staff plant clinics & educational exhibits
- Develop demonstration gardens or design community gardens
- Assist with Master Gardener Website at <http://monroe.extension.psu.edu>
- Provide general research & assistance
- Bring the joy of gardening to senior citizens or children

Volunteer Benefits

- Personal satisfaction from “helping people help themselves”.
- Having a network of gardening friends.
- Special training on a wide variety of horticultural subjects.
- Learn new skills and refine current ones.