

# What is the Purdue Master Gardener Program?

The Purdue Master Gardener Program is an integral part of the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service and provides the citizens of Indiana a chance to grow.

The Program provides a learning framework for participants to increase their knowledge on a wide variety of horticultural subjects. In turn, participants volunteer and help others grow by sharing knowledge while providing leadership and service in educational gardening activities within their communities.

For more detailed information about the Purdue Master Gardener Program, please review [Purdue Extension Publication HO-184 \(PDF 440K\)](#) - Revised 10/12 and the [Purdue Master Gardener Program Policy Guide \(MG-5-W\)](#).

## How do I become a Purdue Master Gardener?

- Determine the location of a Master Gardener Training Session in your area by contacting your [county Extension office](#). You may also contact the Master Gardener State Coordinator to find out where the program nearest to you will be held.
- The County Master Gardener Coordinator will provide information about upcoming Purdue MG Basic Training and a copy of the [Purdue Master Gardener Program Policy Guide \(MG-5 –W\)](#) with the MG Volunteer Application and Agreement Form.
- Complete the MG Volunteer Application and Agreement Form and return it to the local county Extension Office.
- After being accepted into a training session, you must attend a series of weekly classes, each lasting 3 to 4 hours.
- Achieve rank of Master Gardener Intern by completing required training and passing exam with 70% success.
- MG Interns are required to volunteer a minimum of 35 hours to be certified as a Purdue Master Gardener.

Purdue Master Gardeners and the staff of Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service are partners in meeting the vast demand for home gardening information. We hope you will make a commitment to join us in helping others grow.

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