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MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM

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Basic Training

St. Joseph and Elkhart Counties

Are you interested in assisting Purdue Extension with home horticulture education in your local community? Become a Purdue Extension Master Gardener and receive training in horticulture to equip you to fulfill this educational role through volunteering in a variety of projects!

Class Schedule*

Tuesdays, August 11 - November 10, 2026 from 2:00-5:00 PM

Location *(August 11 - Sept. 22):*

17746 County Rd 34 Ste E, Goshen, IN 46528

Location *(Sept. 29 - November 10):*

5117 Ironwood Road, South Bend, IN 46614

August 11	Purdue EMG Orientation
August 18	Plant Science
August 25	Soils and Plant Nutrition
Sept. 1	Herbaceous Ornamentals
Sept. 8	Woody Ornamentals
Sept. 15	Plant Disease Diagnosis
Sept. 22	Insect ID and Control
Sept. 29	Weed ID and Control
October 6	Pesticide Safety and Alternatives
October 13	Fruit Gardening
October 21	Animal Pests
October 27	Lawn Care
November 3	Vegetables / Invasive Species
November 10	Final Exam

*Schedule subject to change

Step 1: Application (Due August 4)

Reach out to St. Joseph or Elkhart County Extension Office to get an application. Applications can be sent to or dropped off at either the St. Joseph County Extension Office or the Elkhart County Extension Office.

Step 2: Registration and Fees

- $225 per person
- $300 per couple

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