



Dear Gardener,

Thank you for your interest in the Oregon State University Extension Master Gardener™ Program. This program prepares you to serve as a volunteer community educator, with training provided by OSU Extension faculty and regional specialists. The primary goal of Master Gardener volunteers is to provide research-based gardening information for the general public. To become an OSU Master Gardener, you must complete the training program plus 60 hours of volunteer service. Master Gardeners are strongly encouraged to continue volunteering with the Master Gardener Program and the Jackson County Master Gardener Association following the training. To maintain certification, Masters Gardeners must complete 30 hours of volunteer service annually.

Part one of the program consists of classroom training in botany, soil science, insect and disease management, horticulture, vegetable gardening methods, and more. Classes are held on Wednesdays from 9 am to 3:30 pm at the OSU Extension Auditorium at 569 Hanley Rd, Central Point. Students will also participate in a 3-hour weekly Practicum on a day of their choice. The Master Gardener Class and Practicum will run January 22, 2020 through May 9, 2020.

Part two of the program requires fulfilling 60 educational service hours. Of the required volunteer hours, at least 21 hours must be in the Master Gardener Plant Clinic, which operates in the Jackson County Extension Office and at the Growers' Market in Medford. Fourteen hours will be completed from the built-in Practicum sessions. You can then choose from several other options for the remaining 25 hours.

The cost of the program is \$300, which includes a copy of *Sustainable Gardening*, a comprehensive 500-page reference manual prepared specifically for the Oregon Master Gardener Program. Payment plans are available.

If you feel you will have difficulty attending all the classes and Practicum sessions or completing the 60 hours of volunteer time, you may wish to postpone the program until your schedule will permit full participation. Students who do not finish their volunteer time requirement will be billed for an additional prorated fee of \$10 per hour for every hour of volunteer service not completed.

Alternatives to the full Master Gardener Program include a non-volunteer option, which involves only the classroom and Practicum portion of the training, for \$700. Students receive a Certificate of Home Horticulture, but will not be certified as Master Gardeners. Completing the training on-line and then completing volunteer service is also an option. On-line program information is at <http://pne.oregonstate.edu/catalog/master-gardener-online>.

Please feel free to contact Erika Szonntag, OSU Master Gardener Program Coordinator with any questions. She can be reached at 541-776-7371, or erika.szonntag@oregonstate.edu.

Thanks and hope to see you in class!

Jackson County Master Gardener Program Orientation

All prospective Master Gardeners students are required to attend a short orientation session before the class begins. Please indicate on the registration form which session you will attend. All sessions are from 11 am to 12:30 pm.

If none of the sessions work with your schedule,
call or email Erika Szonntag to make alternative arrangements
(541-776-7371); erika.szonntag@oregonstate.edu

Date (11 am – 12:30 pm)	<i>Check which session you will attend</i>
Mon Dec 9	
Tues Dec 10	
Mon Dec 16	
Tues Dec 17	

Please also indicate your scheduled orientation time on your registration form.

The orientation meeting will be at the Extension Office at 569 Hanley Rd., Central Point, OR.



OSU Extension Master Gardener™ 2020 Registration

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Name as you would like it on your nametag _____

Address, City, Zip: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

Email: _____ Occupation (or previous if retired): _____

Retired? Yes No If yes, former occupation _____

The OSU Extension Master Gardener™ program is both an **educational** program and a **community service** program. A Master Gardener should be interested in learning more about gardening, but also must be willing and interested in serving as a community education volunteer, and be able to fulfill a volunteer commitment of 60 service hours over the 2020 season. Prior knowledge or experience is useful but not required.

Continued service with the Master Gardener Program and the Jackson County Master Gardener Association is strongly encouraged. Many graduates find close friends in the Master Gardener community as well as personal satisfaction and fulfillment in continuing community service.

1. Why do you want to be an OSU Extension Master Gardener?

2. What are your experiences and previous education in gardening and horticulture related subjects?

3. The Master Gardener program has learning opportunities for both beginner as well as advanced gardeners. Do you consider yourself a beginner or do you have in-depth experience, and consider yourself advanced? Please self which group you identify with, or provide your own category if you feel in between the two.
Please circle one: I am a beginner gardener or I am an advanced gardener

4. In what ways could you best contribute to the Master Gardener program? For example, teaching, youth projects, support activities with the Master Gardener Association, etc.? Do you have teaching or public speaking experience?

5. Describe previous volunteer experience:

6. What are your skills/talents/hobbies? Check all that apply.

<input type="checkbox"/> Accounting	<input type="checkbox"/> Editing	<input type="checkbox"/> Teaching
<input type="checkbox"/> Arts & Crafts	<input type="checkbox"/> Photography	<input type="checkbox"/> Website Management
<input type="checkbox"/> Computer/Technology	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Speaking	<input type="checkbox"/> Database Management
<input type="checkbox"/> Food Preparation	<input type="checkbox"/> Advertising	<input type="checkbox"/> Graphic Design
<input type="checkbox"/> Carpentry	<input type="checkbox"/> Writing	<input type="checkbox"/> Event Planning

Others, specify _____

7. How did you learn about the OSU Extension Master Gardener Program?
8. Can you commit to attending the Master Gardener training from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM on Wednesdays, January 22 through April 1 (11 weeks) and a three-hour Practicum session each week through May 9 (16 weeks)?
Please check: Yes No
9. Can you arrange your schedule so that you can volunteer at least 60 hours by October 1, 2020 in the OSU Extension Master Gardener Program? Volunteer opportunities occur primarily on weekdays and occasionally on weekends or evenings.
Please check: Yes No If no, see the **OPTION TWO: NON-VOLUNTEER APPLICATION**.

APPLICANT AGREEMENT <i>Select an option and sign in the appropriate column below.</i>	
OPTION ONE: VOLUNTEER OPTION	OPTION TWO: NON-VOLUNTEER OPTION
<p>I understand that if I am accepted into the program as an OSU Extension Master Gardener Trainee, I agree to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend all hours of OSU Extension Master Gardener Training and Practicum. • Follow the principles and practices of the OSU Extension Service • Commit to at least 60 hours of volunteer service as an OSU Extension Master Gardener, which will be completed by October 1, 2020. <p>I also understand that if my volunteer hours are NOT completed, I will be billed for and will remit payment for an additional prorated fee of \$10 per hour for every hour of volunteer service not completed, up to \$700.</p> <p><i>I hereby agree to the terms stated in OPTION ONE and submit a payment for \$300 before the start of the Master Gardener Training.</i></p>	<p>I cannot arrange my schedule to contribute 70 hours of my time as a volunteer in the OSU Extension Master Gardener Program. Therefore, I understand that if I am accepted into the program, I elect to pay the Non-Volunteer Fee of \$700 to receive the classroom training and Certificate of Home Horticulture. I understand that I will not become a certified OSU Extension Master Gardener.</p> <p>I also agree to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend all hours of OSU Extension Master Gardener Training • Attend weekly Practicum sessions <p><i>I hereby agree to the terms stated in OPTION TWO and submit a payment for \$700 along with my completed application.</i></p>
Signature: _____	Signature: _____
Date: _____	Date: _____

Make check payable to OSU Extension. Please do not send cash.
Please complete this application and return it with your payment to:

OSU Extension Service
 Southern Oregon Research & Extension Center
 569 Hanley Rd.
 Central Point, OR 97502

I will attend an orientation session on (date and time) _____

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