



*Become a...*  
**Tarrant County  
Master Gardener**

*Supporting  
Tarrant County*

- ♦ Provide continual horticulture enrichment programs for members and the general public.
- ♦ Provide clinics for Home & Garden Shows.
- ♦ Speaker's Bureau provides programs for garden clubs, neighborhood associations and civic organizations.
- ♦ Help establish, support and maintain demonstration gardens and children's gardens at area schools and Fort Worth Botanic Garden.

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# *Do you have an interest in gardening and sharing your knowledge?*

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## ***Who are Master Gardeners?***

Master Gardeners are members of the local community who take an active interest in their lawns, trees, shrubs, flowers and gardens. They are enthusiastic, willing to learn and to help others, and able to communicate with diverse groups of people.

What really sets Master Gardeners apart from other home gardeners is their special training in horticulture. In exchange for their training, persons who become Master Gardeners contribute time as volunteers, working through their Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service office to provide horticultural-related information to their communities.

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## ***Is the Master Gardener Program for Me?***

To help decide if you should apply to be a Master Gardener, ask yourself these questions?

- ♦ Do I want to learn more about the culture and maintenance of many types of plants?
- ♦ Am I eager to participate in a practical and intense training program?
- ♦ Do I look forward to sharing my knowledge with people in my community?

- ♦ Do I have enough time to attend training and to complete the volunteer service?

If you answered yes to these questions, the Master Gardener program could be for you.

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## ***Training***

If accepted into the Tarrant County Master Gardener program, you will attend a Master Gardener training course. Classes are taught by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service specialist, staff and local experts.

The program provides a minimum of 72 hours of instructions that cover topics including lawn care; ornamental trees and shrubs; insect, disease, and weed management; soils and plant nutrition; vegetable gardening; home fruit production; garden flowers; and water conservation. The training is offered 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM on Tuesdays & Thursdays January thru March.

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## ***Volunteer Commitment***

In exchange for the training, participants are asked to volunteer time to their County Extension program. At least 72 hours of volunteer service within one year following the training is required to earn the title of ***"Tarrant County Master Gardener."***

The type of service done by Master Gardeners varies according to community needs, and the ability and interest of the Master Gardeners. Some Master Gardeners answer telephone requests for information related to gardening. Other staff plants clinics or displays in shopping malls or community centers. Master Gardeners may speak to local groups to conduct workshops. They may help establish community or school garden projects, work with 4-H youth, or assist their agent with news or radio releases related to gardening.

Master Gardeners are representatives of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension office. In all volunteer work related to the program, Master Gardeners follow the research-based recommendations of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. The title "Texas Master Gardener" can be used by volunteers only when engaged in Extension Service sponsored activities.

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## ***Certification***

Participants become certified Master Gardeners after they have completed the training course and fulfilled their volunteer commitment.

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*Then the Master Gardener Program may be for you!*