

The Master Gardener program is an exiting program that is available to Wisconsin gardeners. We would like to invite you to participate in our next training program starting Tuesday, February 12, 2019.

What is a Master Gardener?

Master Gardeners are local community members who are trained by University Extension Specialists in different aspects of plant science. In exchange for instruction, persons who become Master Gardeners spend some time as volunteers working in their community.

How do I become a Master Gardener?

To become certified as a Master Gardener, participants must complete 36 hours of instruction, score a satisfactory grade on a final examination, and volunteer at least 24 hours each year

What are some possible volunteer activities?

Local Master Gardener projects include community/youth gardens; growing/donating food for area food pantries; identification and control of invasive species; supporting school, 4-H and other related youth activities associated with horticulture; sharing information about your own gardening experiences with presentations to various community groups, or assisting the Waupaca County Master Gardener association through local organizational management and leadership opportunities. The local association also provides ongoing educational opportunities each month, including short presentations on a variety of topics such as trees and shrubs, landscaping, flowers/perennial plants, fruits and vegetables.

For more information...contact Greg Blonde in the Waupaca County UW-Extension Office (715-258-6231) or email him at: greg.blonde@ces.uwex.edu.

Note, Master Gardener projects may involve “vulnerable groups,” including children, elderly and disabled individuals. Therefore all participants must agree to a criminal background check and sign a volunteer agreement form.

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2019 Master Gardener Training

Want to learn more about gardening & landscaping, meet new friends and help others??

Become a UW-Extension Master Gardener Volunteer!!



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2019 Master Gardener Training

All classes will be held on **Tuesday's** from **6 - 7:30 PM** at the **Waupaca County Courthouse February 12 - April 30**. Cost is **\$75/person** and includes the 12 training sessions, the Master Gardener training manual and additional resources used in the training program.

<u>DATE:</u>	<u>TOPICS:</u>
February 12	<i>Orientation & Botany / Phenology</i>
February 19	<i>Soils</i>
February 26	<i>Herbaceous Ornamentals & Landscape Design</i>
March 5	<i>Woody Ornamentals</i>
March 12	<i>Plant Diseases</i>
March 19	<i>Pest Management & Organic Gardening</i>
March 26	<i>Vegetable Gardening</i>
April 2	<i>Weed Management</i>
April 9	<i>Insects</i>
April 16	<i>Fruits</i>
April 23	<i>General Gardening</i>
April 30	<i>Lawns</i>

A “flipped classroom” approach will be used for this training program, which means participants watch web video lectures at home, with class time used for participants to test their skills by exploring and applying the information with one another in hands-on activities and/or engaging in applied discussion with featured speakers.

For participants who do not have Internet access, accommodations to watch the videos can be made through their local libraries or through the UWEX office.

Each session will also feature a local UW-Extension Master Gardener volunteer who will showcase and explain a different volunteer project that participants can get involved with after completing the training program.

**For more information, call the
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office at the courthouse in Waupaca
(715-258-6231).**



2019 Master Gardener Training

Registration Form (Deadline is Friday, January 11))

I would like to register for the UW-Extension Master Gardener training program. I agree to make my best effort to attend all classes and explore membership in the Waupaca County Master Gardener Association.

Cost: \$75.00

MAKE CHECK OUT TO: **Waupaca
County**

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Interested participants should contact Greg **prior to registration** to discuss volunteer training focus, background checks and attendance expectations. Registration may be done in person or mailed in by Friday, January 11. (Our office is located in the Waupaca County Courthouse located at 811 Harding Street, Waupaca).

ONLY 12 SEATS AVAILABLE