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Master Gardeners are unique individuals who take an active interest in gardening. They are enthusiastic, willing to learn, enjoy helping others, and able to communicate with diverse groups of people.

Professional training in horticulture sets Master Gardeners apart from other home gardeners. The Minnesota Extension Service provides this training in exchange for volunteer time. Master Gardeners work with their local county Extension office to provide horticultural information to their community.

The Master Gardener program in Minnesota is an educational program designed to train volunteers to help other people in their communities with gardening. The program was created by the Minnesota Extension Service of the University of Minnesota as a way to educate para-professionals in the area of home horticulture. These para-professionals are then able to more effectively distribute information on gardening to the public. Many organizations benefit from Master Gardener activities. For more information for your organization, contact your local county Extension office.

Qualifications

Requirements to enter the Master Gardener program are simple. You must have an active interest in plants and gardening and be willing to share this interest with others. You must be able to attend the classroom training sessions and complete an internship of 50 hours of volunteer time the first year.

This program is open to all people without regard to race, creed, color, sex, age, nation of origin, or handicap. For application materials, send in the attached response form or contact your local county Extension office. Locations of statewide county Extension offices can be found on the reverse side of this brochure.

Training

To become a Master Gardener, you will first participate in the Master Gardener Core Course. This course consists of 48 hours of classroom instruction conducted by Extension faculty members. The classes cover Best Management Practices of lawn care, trees and shrubs, pest and weed control, soil science and plant nutrition, fruits and vegetables, flowers, and other horticultural subjects.

Along with classroom training, a notebook containing extension publications is provided to participants. This mini-library is to be used as a reference, and includes fact sheets, pamphlets, folders, and bulletins that pertain to subject areas covered in the training program. The cost of the materials is covered by the registration fee.

After completing the Core Course, training continues with an internship in the local Extension office. This internship consists of 50 hours of volunteer time donated to the local county Extension Service and should be completed within the first year of participation in the Master Gardener program.

Certification

You will become a certified Master Gardener upon completion of the Core Course and the internship within the first year. To continue as a Master Gardener, you must perform 25 hours of volunteer time each year through your local Extension office.

The benefits of becoming a Certified Master Gardener are many. Master Gardeners receive quarterly newsletters and other free update materials, participate in regional and national conferences, and attend educational meetings at the county and state level. These meetings provide opportunities to address gardening problems and new horticultural developments with other Master Gardeners who have similar interests. Master Gardeners are also provided with countless opportunities for community service and become recognized experts in their horticultural specialties.



Commitment

In return for specialized training, Master Gardeners are asked to volunteer time in county Extension programs. Volunteer activities include responding to telephone requests for gardening information, working with community groups, and holding plant clinics. Certified Master Gardeners also give lectures and slide presentations, set up horticultural displays, write articles for local newspapers, and teach community education classes.

Master Gardeners function as resource individuals for horticultural questions in their local Extension offices. Their efforts serve to multiply the capabilities of county educators to achieve the Minnesota Extension Service objective of "involving people in improving their quality of life."

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I am interested in the Master Gardener program:

I would like to join - send me information now and an application when the registration process begins in my area.

My organization could benefit from Master Gardener services.

Name _____

Address _____

City, Zip _____

Telephone (Day) _____

Telephone (Evening) _____

County _____

MASTER GARDENER
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Aitkin, MN 56431-1257
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Windom, MN 56101-0123
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Fergus Falls, MN 56537-2544
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