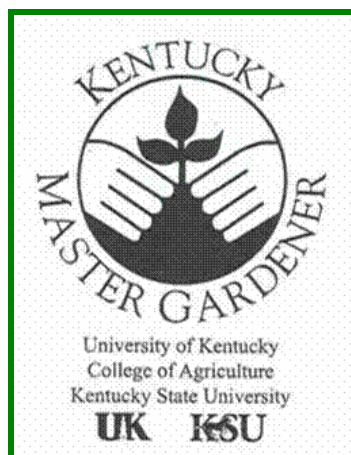


## WHO CAN BE A MASTER GARDENER

### You can if you:

- **Want knowledge or experience in gardening**
- **Are willing to learn and provide information to the public**
- **Attend Master Gardener training classes**
- **Volunteer 30 hours to horticulture education the first year after class**



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# Kentucky Master Gardener Program



**Cultivating  
Leaders and Volunteers  
with Gardening Knowledge**



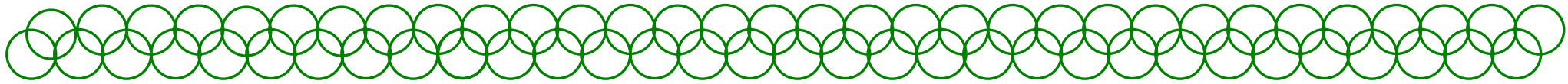
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## **WHAT IS THE MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM?**

The Master Gardener volunteer program is a great way to gain horticultural expertise at a low cost, meet other enthusiastic gardeners, share gardening experiences, get connected to the community, and belong to a well-respected and educational organization.

It is an educational exchange program offered through county offices of the University of Kentucky and Kentucky State University. Through this 14-week program, individuals are trained and certified in horticulture and related areas.

In exchange for educational training, individuals are asked to volunteer their time to help their County Extension Office with horticulture projects that benefit the local community.

Master Gardeners help extend the educational arm of universities to the public by providing horticultural information based on university research and recommendations.

The Master Gardener program cultivates leadership, volunteerism and gardening knowledge.



## **WHAT DOES THE MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM PROVIDE?**

The Master Gardener training program provides more than 50 hours of classroom and hands-on instruction in horticulture and related areas.

Class instructors include Extension specialists, agents and other guest speakers.

Class topics include:

- Botany
- Entomology
- Plant Pathology
- Landscape Design
- Soils and Fertilizers
- Annuals and Perennials
- Fruit and Vegetable Gardening
- Tree and Shrub Care
- Volunteerism
- Lawn Care
- Native Plants
- Organic Gardening

## **WHAT DOES THE MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM REQUIRE?**

In exchange for educational training, individuals are required to return 30 hours of gardening-related volunteer service in their communities within one year of their training. After the first year, volunteers are required to return 15 hours of volunteer service to stay certified.

There is a one time \$75 fee for the cost of training. This includes a handbook filled with helpful resources and reference publications.

## **WHAT ARE SOME SAMPLE PROJECTS I CAN DO?**

- Provide leadership in Oldham Co. Master Gardener Association
- Volunteer at Yew Dell Gardens
- Work informational booths
- Assist in 4-H gardening projects
- Participate in community beautification or landscape projects
- Assist the Extension Office with the community's gardening questions

