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Join the Purdue Master Gardener Program through the Purdue Extension office in your county. To learn more, visit the Purdue Master Gardener Web site at:

www.hort.purdue.edu/mg

Or, you can call, e-mail, or write the state coordinator's office to determine which Purdue Extension office offers the Purdue Master Gardener program near you:

(765) 494-1296

mastergardener@purdue.edu

Purdue Master Gardener State Coordinator
Purdue University Department of
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West Lafayette, IN 47907-2010

The Cost

You'll pay \$75-\$150 for materials and expenses. Purdue Extension staff members do not charge for instruction time.

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Become a Purdue Master Gardener *Helping Others Grow*

As a Purdue Master Gardener, you:

- Study the science of horticultural plants and their pests
- Improve gardening skills
- Teach others
- Enhance your community
- Have fun!

*Join us and put knowledge
to work where you live.*

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Become Part of the Purdue Extension Network

The Purdue Master Gardener Program makes the latest information on gardening and home horticulture available to people like you who have a deep interest in gardening.

Purdue Master Gardener Volunteers help others grow by sharing what they have learned and by leading educational gardening activities in their communities.

The Master Gardener Program model began in 1972 in Seattle, Washington, in response to public demand for home gardening information. In Indiana, the program started in 1978 with four counties: Allen, Lake, Marion, and Vanderburgh. Currently, more than 75 Indiana counties offer the Purdue Master Gardener Program.



Gain Gardening Knowledge and Skills

As part of the program, you'll attend 12 to 18 weeks of classes, each class lasting three to four hours. You'll learn more about:

- Plant science
- Plant nutrition
- Soil science
- Pest identification, diagnosis, and control
 - Animals
 - Insects
 - Plant Diseases
 - Weeds
- Pesticide safety and pesticide alternatives
- Care of specific plant types
 - Home lawns
 - Herbaceous ornamentals
 - Vegetables
 - Woody ornamentals

In addition, you may learn about:

- Home fruit production
- Indoor gardening
- Landscape design
- Yard waste management

Get Trained, Have Fun, and Get Certified

Once you finish the series of training classes, you achieve the rank of Master Gardener Intern by passing an exam with a score of 70 percent or higher.

To be certified a Master Gardener, you then must also volunteer for at least 35 hours.

