



September 2-November 18
Wednesday 6:00-9:00 P.M.
Wabash Valley Fairgrounds
\$85 fee per person

APPLICATION

I wish to become a Purdue Master Gardener Volunteer and would like to be accepted into the training program. I understand that upon successful completion of training, I will agree to complete a minimum of 35 hours of public education service, representing Purdue University.

Signature _____ Name _____
(Please print)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (____) _____ E-mail _____

Please answer the following questions so that we can match your talents to our volunteer needs. No experience is required, but we would like to know what your interests are.

Years of gardening experience _____

Please list any special training or experience in gardening _____

Please list areas of specialization or hobbies (e.g. vegetables, greenhouse, roses, etc.) _____

Please list gardening group affiliations _____

Please list times during the next gardening season that you know will not be available for volunteer services: due to vacation, job, or other regular commitments. _____

What are some of your hobbies not related to gardening? _____

Why do you wish to become a Master Gardener? _____

(over)

Master Gardener Application cont.

Are you employed in the horticulture profession? _____
(garden center, nursery, etc.)

If so, who is your employer? _____

Please check the areas in which you would prefer to volunteer.

_____ Speak to groups. Circle the group size :
(small - less than 5)
(medium - 5-20)
(large - over 21)

- _____ Organizational activities (booths, 4-H, community education events)
- _____ Management (Serve as officer or committee chair in M.G. Association group)
- _____ Staffing (information booths, office work, telephone calls)
- _____ Plant identification and problem diagnosis
- _____ Writing (news articles, fact sheets, newsletters, etc.)
- _____ Demonstration Gardens
- _____ Other. Please specify. _____

Please check the age group with which you are most at ease to work.

- _____ Children (5-10 years)
- _____ Teens (11-19 years)
- _____ Adults
- _____ Senior Citizens
- _____ Any of the above groups

Would you be willing to serve as an officer in a local Master Gardener Association? _____

Please Return Completed Applications and \$85 Registration Fee to:
Jim Luzar-Purdue Extension Educator –Agriculture and Natural Resources
275 Ohio Street Terre Haute, IN 47807
Make checks payable to: PU Extension

<u>For Office Use Only</u>	
The following forms have been signed by applicant and received by our office.	
MG Adult Behavioral Expectations Form	Date Rec'd _____
Pest Management Information Policy	Date Rec'd _____
Consent For Background Check	Date Rec'd _____
Photo Release Form	Date Rec'd _____



Purdue Master Gardener Program Policies

Purpose:

The Purdue Master Gardener Program, sponsored by the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service, is a volunteer training program designed to meet the gardening information needs of the community. The purpose is to teach people more about growing plants and to more effectively extend information related to plants. Its specific aim is to provide information and technical assistance in the areas of gardening and home horticulture through the use of trained and certified volunteers. To become certified as a Master Gardener, participants must complete the training program, pass an examination administered by the local Cooperative Extension Educator, and volunteer a minimum of 35 hours, representing the Purdue Master Gardener Program. After completing the training program and passing the final examination, participants will be recognized as Master Gardener **Interns** until completion of the volunteer commitment.

Training:

The training program will cover a broad spectrum of horticultural topics including plant and soil science; disease, insect and weed identification; and culture of horticultural plants. Core training will be held during a 2-3 month period, during the day or evening with each class lasting three to four hours, in accordance with local needs. Instructors will usually be county Educators and state specialists of the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service. Other experts will be utilized when appropriate. *Participants are expected to participate in every session.* At the end of the training period, participants must pass a final examination administered by the local Extension coordinator, with a minimum score of 70 %. Those scoring below 70% may reapply for future Master Gardener training programs.

Fees:

A fee is charged to cover the cost of the supplies and literature you will receive during training. Your Cooperative Extension Educator will inform you of the cost. This literature then becomes part of your personal library.

Volunteer Commitment:

The type of volunteer work performed is based on a mutual decision of the local Cooperative Extension Educator in charge and the Master Gardener Intern. Specific locations for the performance of the volunteer work are determined locally and should reflect local needs. The intent of the program is to extend unbiased information to the public while utilizing community resources. Work performed for the Cooperative Extension Service is free and voluntary, however, Master Gardeners may accept reimbursement of personal travel expenses and/or they may accept a donation to their local Master Gardener Association or Group fund. Participants may not be paid for their volunteer work nor shall efforts conducted for their place of employment as a part of their job responsibilities be considered as volunteer service to Purdue University Extension Service. During the period of the volunteer work, Master Gardeners are supported by Purdue University Cooperative

Extension. This support includes follow-up training, coaching, and technical assistance provided by the local county Educator coordinator as well as veteran volunteers. Master Gardeners are provided Cooperative Extension publications and should encourage clientele to obtain copies of available publications. As Purdue University volunteers, Master Gardeners are expected to follow certain Adult Behavioral Guidelines.

Master Gardener Certification:

Upon completion of the volunteer commitment of at least 35 hours, Interns will receive a certificate from Purdue University through their local program coordinator verifying that the participant has completed the requirements of the Master Gardener Program.

Active Status:

Once an individual has completed the necessary requirements and is certified as a Master Gardener, this does not mean he/she is a Master Gardener for life. Master Gardeners must recertify each year to remain on the “active” list and maintain the Master Gardener title.

Master Gardener Recertification is achieved by fulfilling the following requirements:

1. Donating a minimum of twelve (12) hours of volunteer service each year, and
2. Completing a minimum of six (6) hours Educational Training through any of the following options:
 - Participation in State, Regional, National, or International Master Gardener Conferences.
 - Participation in county-sponsored advanced training sessions.
 - Participation in any other programs approved by the local Program Coordinator.

Use of Title:

The title "Purdue Master Gardener" (formerly “Indiana Master Gardener”) is to be used exclusively in the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Volunteer Master Gardener Program and not for commercial purposes. Participants are expected to identify themselves as Master Gardener representatives of Purdue only when performing volunteer work approved by your local coordinator. However, the training, experience, and certification gained by an individual in the Master Gardener Program may rightfully be included in your personal resume and we encourage you to do so when seeking employment. Certificates and badges may not be displayed at places of business nor can the Master Gardener designation be used in advertisements for a business except where the Master Gardener program is sponsoring an educational program approved by the local coordinator.