

# Master Gardener Volunteer Training

for Milwaukee and Waukesha  
Counties



**General Training** is the beginning Master Gardener Volunteer (MGV) course. It provides a broad overview of horticultural and gardening-related topics. Sessions meet once a week for 13 consecutive weeks starting in January. To become a Certified MGV, participants perform at least 24 hours of volunteer service on approved activities within their first year.



**Continuing Education** is available through a wide variety of programs presented by UWEX as well as programs, trips, tours and workshops sponsored by the UW-Extension and the South-East Wisconsin Master Gardeners (SEWMGs).

**Specialty Training** on a wide variety of topics is offered annually through short-courses of 4 - 6 weeks in duration. A **Summer Specialty Short Course** is offered one evening a month May through August. **Fall Specialty Training** is held in October for full-day sessions on Wednesdays. These courses offer a more in-depth look at some of the same subjects covered in General Training.

General Training and certification are prerequisites for both of these training courses.

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And the  
SouthEast Wisconsin  
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## WHO IS A MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEER?

Anyone interested in learning more about nurturing plants and sharing that knowledge with others through volunteer service is a good candidate to become a Master Gardener Volunteer (MGV).

Master Gardener Volunteers are trained in many aspects of horticulture by University of Wisconsin-Extension (UWEX) specialists and agents. In return for their training, MGVs assist with UWEX horticultural education programs and a wide variety of community service projects.

To become certified, MGVs must successfully complete both the training and the service requirements during their first year in the program.

To maintain certification, 24 hours of volunteer service and 10 hours of continuing education must be completed annually.

## MASTER GARDENER ORGANIZATIONS



The **SouthEast Wisconsin Master Gardeners, Inc.** is a non-profit organization which offers many service, educational, and social opportunities. It serves as a support group for the educational programs of the UW-Extension in Milwaukee and Waukesha Counties.

The **Wisconsin Master Gardener Association (WIMGA)** is the organization of Master Gardener groups throughout the state which provides MGVs with a newsletter, an annual educational conference and other programmatic support.

**Membership dues of \$10** annually provides membership in both organizations.

## MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEER SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

A wide variety of volunteer activities and projects can accommodate a variety of interests and lifestyles. Volunteer activities may include:

- ⌘ Diagnosing plant problems
- ⌘ Staffing educational exhibits
- ⌘ Giving presentations to community groups
- ⌘ Gardening with children
- ⌘ Conducting educational workshops
- ⌘ Teaching through demonstration gardening projects throughout Milwaukee and Waukesha Counties.

For more information:

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