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# HOW DO I BECOME A MASTER GARDENER?

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Programs in agriculture and natural resources, 4-H youth development, family and consumer sciences, and resource development. University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture and county governments cooperating. UT Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment.

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## What is the Tennessee Extension Master Gardener Program?

Tennessee Extension Master Gardeners reach the public with horticulture information and enhance the efforts of Tennessee Extension. Trained volunteers in the program provide service for University of Tennessee Extension (UT Extension). Certified Master Gardeners and Extension professionals educate members of the community by providing practical, research-based information about residential lawns, landscapes, and gardens.

## What is the mission of a Tennessee Extension Master Gardener?

A Tennessee Master Gardener's mission is to promote environmental stewardship and to educate the general public about horticulture using research-based information available through UT Extension.

## To become a Master Gardener:

- Complete an application.
- Attend 40 hours of basic horticulture classes.
- Complete volunteer service and continuing education hours to become certified.

The benefits of becoming a Master Gardener include:

- Making a difference in the lives of Tennesseans.
- Sharing your gardening knowledge with others.
- Meeting needs in the local community.
- Expanding your gardening skills.
- Forming friendships and having fun.

## What are volunteer opportunities?

Tennessee Extension Master Gardeners are a critical part of the outreach effort of the UT Institute of Agriculture. They help meet the needs and answer the questions of many residential and consumer horticulture clients. Extension Master Gardeners coordinate and teach gardening seminars and plant clinics, answer horticulture questions, teach residents about food production, introduce youth to horticulture, and extend the impact of Extension in their county. Most of all, Tennessee Extension Master Gardeners impact their communities while sharing what they love.

## Is there a cost?

Yes, a nominal fee for Master Gardener training covers the educational materials and speakers.

Please send me information about becoming a Master Gardener volunteer in my community.

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