

# WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM



## OUR PROGRAM PRIORITIES










<p>CLIMATE CHANGE</p>	<p><b>Climate Change:</b> We teach ways to create resilient landscapes that are adapted to our changing climate.</p>	<p>SOIL HEALTH</p>	<p><b>Soil Health:</b> We encourage building healthy soils to prevent depletion and ensure the long-term viability of local food security &amp; natural resources.</p>	<p>PLANT BIODIVERSITY</p>	<p><b>Plant Biodiversity:</b> We promote stewardship of diverse ecosystems through invasive species management and native species conservation and restoration in landscapes.</p>
<p>CLEAN WATER</p>	<p><b>Clean Water:</b> We promote integrated pest management to minimize polluted runoff.</p>	<p>POLLINATORS</p>	<p><b>Pollinators:</b> We teach ways to help native bees and other pollinators thrive in home and community landscapes.</p>	<p>NEARBY NATURE</p>	<p><b>Nearby Nature:</b> We seek to increase access to plants, green spaces, and public landscapes to benefit the health &amp; well-being of all members of our communities.</p>
<p>WATER CONSERVATION</p>	<p><b>Water Conservation:</b> We promote water-wise gardening and landscaping practices to conserve water.</p>	<p>LOCAL FOOD</p>	<p><b>Local Food:</b> We promote sustainable techniques for growing local food to improve individual &amp; community health and wellness.</p>	<p>WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS</p>	<p><b>Wildfire Preparedness:</b> We teach landscaping principles to reduce the risk of loss due to wildfire.</p>



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## PROGRAM PRIORITIES DISCUSSION EXAMPLES

	<p><b>CLIMATE CHANGE:</b> Benefits of trees and plants on the environment, people, and communities; Climate zones; Hardiness zones; Composting</p>		<p><b>SOIL HEALTH:</b> Importance of healthy soil; What is a healthy soil; Building healthy soil; Soil testing; Soil structure; Composting; Soil web; Preventing soil erosion.</p>		<p><b>PLANT BIODIVERSITY:</b> First detector network; Noxious weed management; Native plants; Weed management; Seed saving; Plant propagation; Attracting wildlife to the garden; Weed management.</p>
	<p><b>CLEAN WATER:</b> Weed management; Cover crops; Growing a healthy lawn; Soil care; Pesticide use and safety; Using an IPM approach, Fertilizer applications.</p>		<p><b>POLLINATORS:</b> Pollinator health; Pollinator habitat; Pollinator purpose; Pollinator needs; Plants to attract pollinators.</p>		<p><b>NEARBY NATURE:</b> House plants; Adaptive gardening; Benefits of being in nature and/or surrounded by plants.</p>
	<p><b>WATER CONSERVATION:</b> Drought tolerant landscaping; Drip irrigation; Gardening with natives; Timing of irrigation; Understanding plants' water needs.</p>		<p><b>LOCAL FOOD:</b> Food growing; Problems with food growing; Carving for food bearing trees, shrubs,</p>		<p><b>WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS:</b> Fire resistant plants; Fire resistant landscape zones; Fire behavior; Wildland urban interface (WUI); Fire resistant communities; Lean, clean, and green.</p>

It's possible to observe some overlap among the examples provided. Certain topics may fall under more than one. Please indicate all the relevant priorities that the conversation addresses.