



WSU Jefferson County Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Training 2025/26

Dear

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Master Gardener volunteer! The WSU Extension Master Gardener Program is open to individuals interested in becoming volunteers and sharing gardening and other horticulture knowledge with the general public through community outreach. Extension Master Gardener volunteers engage with communities to support stewardship of our soil, water and wildlife, and contribute to food security by using sustainable gardening practices.

Training:

Becoming a Master Gardener volunteer begins with an intensive, fast-paced training spanning October 5th, 2025, through February 15th, 2026 – 19 weeks in duration (includes breaks for holidays and catch-up time). Training combines online modules accessed through WSU's Green School and Jefferson County EMG in-person workshops, fields trips and volunteer training.

Major topics include:

Botany - Vegetables in Western WA - Tree Fruits and Small Fruits - Plant Problem Diagnosis - Soil and Composting - Plant Propagation - Weed Management and Pesticides - Forestry - Entomology - Tree Pruning

Online course:

Participants engage with weekly online learning modules, including Zoom sessions, a 29-chapter manual, corresponding quizzes, and a final exam (all open book). Feedback from past participants indicate weekly modules took between 3 and 6 hours. Passing score for quizzes and the final exam must be an average of 80% or higher.

In-person classes/workshops/field trips

In-person classes meet on Tuesdays; October 14, 21 and 28, November 4, 11 and 18, December 2, 9 and 16; and January 13 and February 10 from 12:30pm to 5:00pm. Applicants need to commit to attending at least 90% of the in-person classes. Please consult with the Program Coordinator to discuss potential conflicts.

Computer access:

Participants need computer experience and feel comfortable navigating the internet and using email. Participants will need access to a computer for extended periods.

Volunteer Commitment:

Upon successful completion of training, volunteers begin a one-year internship during which they are required to serve at least 50 volunteer hours on projects such as the "Ask a Master Gardener" clinic,

tabling at community events, supporting or providing youth and adult education - to name just a few of the many volunteer opportunities.

After the internship year, MGs serve at least 25 volunteer hours each year, in addition to 10 continuing education hours, to retain certified status.

If the volunteer commitment is not right for you, Washington Green School may be a good option. See the information about [Washington Green School training](#).

Costs & Fees:

The total cost of MG volunteer training is \$290. This includes \$275 for the course and \$15 for the required background check.

Application Instructions

Applications are now available and will continue to be received until the applicant pool is full.

Step 1: Complete the application and email (scan; no photos), mail, or drop-off to the address below. Once we receive your application, you will be invited to schedule a meeting with the program coordinator this summer.

Step 2: Meet with the program coordinator to learn more about the class, volunteer programs, as well as a chance for us to learn more about you. This meeting is informal, relaxed, and conversational. There are no trick questions!

Step 3: Register for training. Following your meeting, you will receive notification of acceptance to the program. Included in your acceptance, you will find information about how to complete registration for the class as well as how to complete your background check.

Email completed application to bridget.gregg@wsu.edu or Mail or Drop off Application at
WSU Jefferson County Extension
Master Garden Program
121 Oak Bay Road
Port Hadlock, WA 98339

Phone: 360.379.2490 x 210

Office Hours:

Monday and Thursday in Port Hadlock, 9:00 – 3:00

Tuesday and Wednesday in Port Townsend by appointment

If you have any questions, feel free to call 360.379.5610 x 210 or email bridget.gregg@wsu.edu. Thanks!

Keep these two pages for your records.



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To become a WSU Extension Master Gardener Volunteer, you must be 18 years of age or older. Are you 18 years of age or older? Yes _____ No _____

Please complete and return to your local WSU Extension Office

Name:

(First)

(Middle)

(Last)

Preferred Name: _____

Mailing

Address:

(Street)

(City)

(Zip)

How may we refer to you: she/her he/him they/them other:

Would you like this information included on your name badge? Yes / No

Phone: Day: () _____ Best Time to Call: _____

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Email Address:

In-county training sessions take place from 12:30 to 5pm on the following dates:

October 14, 21, and 28

November 4, 11 and 18

December 2, 9 and 16

January 13 and Feb. 10

Are you available on all of these dates? Yes / No If no, which dates can't you make?

Please describe your gardening experience or education/training (personal, volunteer, or work), or if you have not gardened, why gardening interests you:

Extension programs and employment are available to all without discrimination. Evidence of noncompliance may be reported through your local Extension office. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication or program information, or reasonable accommodation need to contact their local Extension office at least 2 weeks prior to the deadline for application.

What are you most excited to learn more about? (please check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Annuals | <input type="checkbox"/> Herbs | <input type="checkbox"/> Propagation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Perennials | <input type="checkbox"/> Houseplants | <input type="checkbox"/> Greenhouses |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Roses | <input type="checkbox"/> Fruit trees | <input type="checkbox"/> Container gardening |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lawns | <input type="checkbox"/> Berries and grapes | <input type="checkbox"/> Insects |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ornamental grasses | <input type="checkbox"/> Trees and shrubs | <input type="checkbox"/> Plant diseases |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Native plants | <input type="checkbox"/> Pruning | <input type="checkbox"/> Weeds |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife habitat | <input type="checkbox"/> Soils | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape design |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetables | <input type="checkbox"/> Composting | <input type="checkbox"/> Water gardens |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wildfire-resistant landscaping | <input type="checkbox"/> Climate resilient gardening | <input type="checkbox"/> Waterwise gardening |

Share experiences where you used your time (volunteered) to help others or a cause (does not have to be horticultural):

In the Master Gardener Program, we often rely on volunteers' other skills, interests or experience. What non-gardening skills do you have that you would be willing to share in support of the Program?

(please check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook | <input type="checkbox"/> Drawing/illustrating | <input type="checkbox"/> Research/data collection |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Website development | <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising | <input type="checkbox"/> Public speaking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Graphic design | <input type="checkbox"/> Writing/publishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Photography | <input type="checkbox"/> Grant writing | <input type="checkbox"/> Community organizing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Event planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Proofreading | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing & publicity | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Please provide specific information on the above checked categories: (optional)

If you are able to speak, read, or write a language(s) other than English (including American Sign Language), please list:

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	First	Last	Relationship
Contact Information:	<hr/>		
	Home Phone	Work Phone	

Email Address:

Name:

	First	Last	Relationship
Contact Information:	<hr/>		
	Home Phone	Work Phone	

Email Address:

I authorize Washington State University Extension to contact the listed references. I understand that a criminal background check is required prior to being fully accepted as a volunteer in the program. I understand that misrepresentation or omission of required information is just cause for non-appointment as a volunteer with Washington State University Extension. I understand that I serve at the pleasure of the Washington State University Extension and agree to abide by the policies of Washington State University Extension and individual program areas and to fulfill the volunteer responsibilities to the best of my ability. I have read, understand and will abide by the volunteer expectations and agreement.

<https://mastergardener.wsu.edu/get-involved/join-us/agreement-review/>.

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Do you wish to apply for tuition assistance?

Yes

No

Civil Rights Information WSU Master Gardener Volunteers

Confidential & Voluntary

The WSU Extension Master Gardener program is part of a land-grant university system. The land-grant university system was built on the principle that all people should have access to education. The WSU Extension Master Gardener program wants to ensure we uphold this principle in our work.

Additionally, Washington State University Extension and its programs are federally funded and as such are required by the Civil Rights Act to report demographic information for employees, volunteers and community persons who seek our services. Please complete this form and return it to your local program coordinator. Responses will **not** be used in the selection process. This page will be removed prior to the application being reviewed.

Our goal for collecting this information is to see how well we uphold the land-grant principle of access to education. We summarize the race, ethnicity, and gender of volunteers and of the people we serve to determine how closely WSU Master Gardener programs are to balanced participation in each county.

Note: Your name will not be reported in conjunction with your Race, Ethnicity and Gender data. The data is reported as an aggregate to USDA-NIFA and names are never included in the reports. Individually identifiable information will be treated as confidential, is not disclosed without (written) consent, and is not included in the review of application to become an Extension Master Gardener volunteer. Your name is only used to record who has reported and who has not in order to accurately report Race, Ethnicity and Gender data.

What is your gender?

- Male
- Female
- Non-binary
- Gender other or unidentified
- Prefer not to respond

What is your ethnicity?

- Hispanic or Latino
- Non-Hispanic or Non-Latino
- Ethnicity unidentified
- Prefer not to respond

What is your race?

- White
- Black or African American
- First Nations / American Indian / Alaska Native
- Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander
- Asian
- Two or more races
- Race other or unidentified
- Prefer not to respond

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