

THE PROGRAM

All UME Master Gardeners have received training from University of Maryland Extension faculty, then **volunteer** to **share their knowledge** and expertise in their communities.

Master Gardeners combine their love of plants, people, and the natural environment to **help others** in creating a healthier world.

THE VISION

Master Gardeners envision a **healthier world** through environmental stewardship.

THE MISSION

Master Gardeners support the University of Maryland Extension (UME) mission by **educating residents** about safe, effective, and sustainable horticultural practices that build healthy gardens, landscapes, and communities.

COUNTY/CITY EXTENSION OFFICES

Allegany (301) 724-3320	Charles (301) 934-5404	Prince George's (301) 868-8781
Anne Arundel (410) 222-3900	Dorchester (410) 228-8800	Queen Anne's (410) 758-0166
Baltimore City (410) 856-1850 x121	Frederick (301) 600-1596	St. Mary's (301) 475-4120
Baltimore (410) 887-8090	Garrett (301) 334-6960	Talbot (410) 822-1244
Calvert (410) 535-3662	Harford (410) 638-3255	Washington (301) 791-1604
Carroll (410) 386-2760	Howard (410) 313-2707	Wicomico (410) 749-6141
Cecil (410) 996-5280	Montgomery (301) 590-9638	State Office (410) 531-1754

To access Extension office websites, go to extension.umd.edu/mg and click on **FIND A MG PROGRAM**

Do you have gardening questions? Let our Certified Professional Horticulturalists help you! Go to extension.umd.edu/hgic and click on **ASK MARYLAND'S GARDEN EXPERTS**

University of Maryland Extension Master Gardeners

Volunteering to create a healthier Maryland



MASTER GARDENERS CAN ADVISE YOU

Most Maryland counties and Baltimore City offer a range of services, with programs tailored to local needs and opportunities. Master Gardeners can share recommendations about



DIAGNOSING PLANT PROBLEMS

Identify and **diagnose plant** and **pest problems**, and learn to manage them with earth-friendly solutions.



VEGETABLE & FRUIT GARDENING

Grow your own **vegetables and fruits**, at home and in community gardens. Visit extension.umd.edu/growit to learn more.



BAY-WISE LANDSCAPING

Modify your landscape to **improve soil quality** and manage stormwater, which will **protect the Chesapeake Bay** and your local environment.



NATIVE PLANTS & POLLINATORS

Identify, select, and **plant native** flowers, trees, and shrubs that will thrive and **provide a habitat** for native species, including **pollinators**.



CARE FOR LANDSCAPE PLANTS

Manage your lawn with minimal water, fertilizers, and pesticides. Learn how to **care for trees and shrubs**, including best practices for pruning.



COMPOSTING

Make and use compost to **improve your soil**, which will result in healthier plants with fewer problems.



YOUTH GARDENING

Create and **maintain a vibrant school garden**, and help **instill an appreciation** and respect for **nature** that lasts into adulthood.

MASTER GARDENERS CAN ASSIST YOU

All services are provided at **minimal or no charge**. You can find Master Gardeners



Demonstrating gardening **techniques** in school, community, and Master Gardener demonstration gardens.



Leading classes and workshops on a variety of gardening topics. Classes are typically held at Extension offices, college campuses, and libraries.



Diagnosing plant and pest problems at **“Ask a MG” plant clinics**, which are commonly located at libraries and farmers markets.



Educating the public at **community events** and fairs.

FIND EVENTS AND SERVICES IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Master Gardeners coordinate various events and services throughout the year. In addition, you can **contact your local Extension office** with a request for a specific class or consultation.

To access information about existing events and/or to locate contact information to schedule a new event, go to

extension.umd.edu/mg and click on **MG ASSISTANCE**

YOU CAN BECOME A MASTER GARDENER

If you are **interested in learning** more about horticulture and **sharing your knowledge**—you too can become a Master Gardener!

No previous experience is necessary. For more information, **contact the County/City MG Coordinator at your local Extension office**. Contact information is listed on the back of this brochure. In addition, you can go to

extension.umd.edu/mg and click on **HOW TO BECOME A MG**