The Home & Garden Information Center, Maryland Master Gardeners, and Grow It Eat It Program work together to provide you with up-to-date, science-based information and answers to your plant and pest questions.

We can assist you in reducing unnecessary fertilizer and pesticide use, selecting appropriate native plants to create pollinator gardens, and successfully growing your own food!

Each year we continue to expand and update our web content, including our how-to videos and active social media platforms. We provide direct consultations with residents through our “Ask Maryland’s Gardening Experts” portal. We support county/city Extension offices and assist in coordinating, training, and supporting Maryland Master Gardeners.

If you haven’t yet, check us out! We thank all of our clientele, partners, and stakeholders for supporting and furthering our work in 2016!

Jon Traunfeld
Center Director and State Master Gardener Coordinator

Home & Garden Information Center

Website visits to extension.umd.edu/hgc
713,433 total visits 72% increase since 2015

Top five visited topics on HGIC website

- Lawns: 199,604 Visits
- Insects
- Weeds
- Common Chickweed
- Soils

Questions answered via Ask Maryland’s Gardening Experts
5,639 total questions answered

New short videos for viewing on all of your favorite social media platforms!

Current number of people actively engaged in our network
12,159 total
Master Gardener Program

111,468 Total volunteer hours
$2.97 Million Value of volunteer time to Maryland

315 New Interns in 2016
1,495 Certified Master Gardener Volunteers

1,810 Master Gardener volunteers
27,652 Youth
88,799 Adults

86,451 People educated

Top left: Baltimore City Master Gardener Cathy Allen teaching at the Thomas Jefferson Elementary / Middle School. Top right: Talbot County Master Gardener Pam Keeton (right) proudly promotes the program to Maryland Governor Hogan. Bottom left: Montgomery County Master Gardeners assist with the Close Encounters with Agriculture program. Bottom right: Calvert County Master Gardener Sherill Munn teaching Project Spudnick.

Master Gardener Advanced Training

Entomology-Ecological IPM with Dr. Mike Raupp

Making Meadows at NASA with Dr. Sara Tangren

Tomato Grafting with Denise Sharp

Vegetable Plant and Pest Diagnostics with Jon Traunfeld

Advanced Training Classes

11 Classes
40 Hours of Training
204 Attendees

18th Annual Training Conference

Speakers 30
Exhibitors 30
Attendees 785
Grow It Eat It Program

Website visits to extension.umd.edu/growit
263,701 total visits 24% increase since 2015

19,187 People educated
220 Grow It Eat It workshops and classes taught
9,136 Pounds of produce donated to 17 local food banks

Top five visited topics on GIEI website
- Food Gardening 101 66,090 Visits
- Fruit Profiles
- Insects
- Vegetables
- Beyond the Basics

New how-to videos

Connect with us!

Home & Garden Information Center

www.extension.umd.edu/hgif
extension.umd.edu/hgif/about

Master Gardener Program

www.extension.umd.edu/mg

Grow It Eat It Program

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