

Become a Master Gardener!

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Apply now for the 2020 Montgomery County Master Gardener Volunteer Training Program

Master Gardeners combine their love of plants, people, and the natural environment to help others in creating a healthier world. The program is open to all Montgomery County residents interested in learning environmentally sound gardening practices and sharing their knowledge and expertise in their communities.

What Montgomery County Master Gardeners do:



Demonstrate gardening techniques in schools and communities, and at Master Gardener demonstration gardens at the Agricultural History Farm Park in Derwood, the Agricultural Fairgrounds in Gaithersburg, and National Library of Medicine in Bethesda.



Lead classes and workshops on gardening topics during special events such as the MG Spring Conference and Grow It Eat It Open House, both held at the Montgomery County Extension office in Derwood.



Diagnose plant and pest problems at "Ask a Master Gardener" plant clinics located at libraries and farmers markets throughout Montgomery County.



Educate the public at various community events, at Urban Gardening workshops in Silver Spring, at Therapeutic Horticulture programs in senior citizen centers, and by giving presentations to garden clubs and other organizations.

To become a Master Gardener you must attend a two-hour orientation, complete the training program coursework, pass a final exam, and perform 40 voluntary service hours in the first year.

Once qualified, Master Gardeners maintain active status by completing 10 hours of advanced training and 20 hours of volunteer service annually.

If you are interested in becoming a Master Gardener, contact Montgomery County Master Gardener Coordinator Stephen Dubik, 301-590-2836

Montgomery County Master Gardener Training

When: Classes begin on January 28, 2020, and continue through March 6, 2020, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9:30 am to 2:30 pm.

Where: University of Maryland Extension Montgomery County office, at the Agricultural History Farm Park, 18410 Muncaster Rd, Derwood, Md.

Cost: \$325 includes a training manual and other materials.

The registration deadline is Friday, December 27, 2019.

Class size is limited and the course is filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

The Montgomery County Master Gardener program is open to all regardless of race, color, gender, disability, religion, age, sexual orientation, marital or parental status, or national origin.

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