Benefits for Individuals and Communities:

- Save money and enjoy a healthier environment by reducing fertilizer use and nutrient runoff into our watersheds and bay
- Save money and reduce health risk by minimizing the use of pesticides
- Improve soil and save landfill space by composting yard waste
- Reduce water use by using recommended horticultural practices
- Create beautiful and ecologically sound landscapes that will thrive in Maryland's climate and soil
- Learn about native plants that will thrive and provide a habitat for wildlife and beneficial insects

Master Gardener History:
The Master Gardener Program began in the state of Washington in 1972 in response to the increasing volume of home gardening questions received by Extension agents. The program was so successful it has spread to all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and three Canadian provinces.

The Maryland Master Gardener Program began in 1978 and currently serves citizens through University of Maryland Extension offices.

The Home and Garden Information Center's (HGIC) Certified Professional Horticulturists answer your gardening questions sent through our website.

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Our Vision:
A healthier world through environmental stewardship

Our Mission:
Support the University of Maryland Extension mission by educating Maryland residents about safe, effective, and sustainable horticultural practices that build healthy gardens, landscapes, and communities.

Who We Are:
Maryland Master Gardeners are volunteers trained by the University of Maryland who provide horticultural education services to individuals, groups and communities. Over 1600 master gardeners contribute 100,000+ of volunteer hours each year serving Maryland citizens.

Who Can Use Our Services
Individuals and a wide variety of groups in the community including:
- Government agencies
- Neighborhood associations
- Non-profit organizations
- Schools and youth groups
- Senior citizens
- Garden clubs

Cost
Educational services are available to the public at low or no cost. It is appropriate to pay an honorarium to speakers. Honoraria are used to expand our programs and make services more widely available to the public.

Master Gardener Areas of Impact
Each county offers a range of services, with programs tailored to the unique needs and opportunities of the county/city. Critical areas of impact are:
- Integrated Pest Management – training to manage pest problems using the least toxic methods available
- Plant Clinics – identifying and diagnosing plant problems and providing recommended solutions at hundreds of community events throughout the state
- Urban Nutrient Management – training and workshops on composting and soil improvement
- Backyard and Community Food Production – best methods for growing fruits and vegetables
- Bay-Wise Landscaping – educating residents about landscape practices that protect the Bay and local environments
- Youth Education – school gardening and environmental education for our youth
- Speakers Bureau – knowledgeable speakers who can address a wide range of horticultural topics
- Demonstration Gardens – beautiful, ecologically sound gardens which educate the public

University of Maryland Extension Offices with Master Gardener Programs

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| Anne Arundel Co. | (410) 222-3900 | Howard Co. | (410) 313-2707 |
| Baltimore City | (410) 856-1850 x121 | Montgomery Co. | (301) 590-9638 |
| Baltimore Co. | (410) 771-1761 | Prince George’s Co. | (301) 868-9366 |
| Calvert Co. | (410) 535-3662 | Queen Anne’s Co. | (410) 758-0166 |
| Carroll Co. | (410) 386-2760 | St. Mary’s Co. | (301) 475-4482 |
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| Charles Co. | (301) 934-5403 | Washington Co. | (301) 791-1604 |
| Dorchester Co. | (410) 228-8800 | Wicomico Co. (Lower Eastern Shore) | (410) 749-6141 |
| Frederick Co. | (301) 694-1594 | State Master Gardener Office | (410) 531-1754 |
| Garrett Co. | (301) 334-6960 | |

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