

## Request for More Information

Yes, I'm interested in learning more about the Master Gardener Program. Please send me more information and an official application.

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## University of Illinois Extension



## You Can Be A Master Gardener

For more information, please contact  
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**Peoria County Office**

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Peoria, IL 61614  
(309) 685-3140

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1505 Valle Vista  
Pekin, IL 61554  
(309) 347-6614

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Eureka, IL 61530  
(309) 467-3789

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## What is the Master Gardener Program?

The University of Illinois Master Gardener program is a prestigious designation to those enthusiastic individuals who have completed a minimum of 60 hours back to the local University of Illinois Extension Office. The program is open to any adult with an interest in plants and a desire to share that with others. Master Gardeners are a dedicated group and many choose to return year after year to share their knowledge with others.

## Is Master Gardening For You?

To help you decide if you should apply for the Master Gardener training program, ask yourself these questions:

- Do I want to learn more about plant care and gardening?
- Do I look forward to sharing my knowledge with people in my community?
- Am I eager to participate in a practical and intensive training program?
- Do I have enough time to attend the training and complete my volunteer work?

If you answered “yes” to all the questions, the Master Gardener program could be for you.

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## What Training Will You Receive?

Extension Educators and state specialists with University of Illinois Extension provide the Master Gardeners’ training. Classes are conducted once per week during the day, for an average of 60 hours of training through either classroom training or on-line training. Class size may be limited due to space restrictions to some locations. Training is adapted to local conditions and is based on community needs.

The Master Gardener training covers home horticulture topics\* including:

- Vegetable Gardening
- Tree and Small Fruits
- Basic Entomology
- Integrated Pest Management
- Plant Pathology
- Turfgrass Management
- Herbaceous Ornamentals
- Tree and Shrub Care
- Soils and Fertilizer
- Woody Ornamentals
- Basic Botany
- Volunteering Basics

\*topics may vary by location and educator availability

## Future Training Opportunities

Once you have become a certified Master Gardener, you’re eligible to attend other training programs and workshops. Think of it as getting your “Masters” in Master Gardening. These courses offer more technical information, laboratory and field work, and/or updates on gardening techniques and pest control.

## Commitment

In exchange for training, participants are asked to volunteer 60 hours of time to their local University of Illinois Extension office. A major part of this volunteer commitment is answering horticulture questions from local homeowners.

Other opportunities include working on plant clinic displays, assisting with mall or community center demonstrations, speaking to local groups, conducting workshops, and assisting with youth gardening projects during the summer.

The only guideline is that the projects be educational and concern horticulture. You will work with the local Extension County Directors to determine how your volunteer time can best be spent.

## Join the Team

Master Gardeners are an integral part of University of Illinois Extension outreach. As such, they are covered by the University’s liability policy. In all volunteer work related to the program, Master Gardeners are expected to follow the recommendations of the University.

## How Can I Sign Up?

Return the form on the other side of this brochure or call your local University of Illinois Extension Office for more information.

A completed application is required, and, due to space restrictions and limited class size, an interview may be necessary. A fee may be charged to cover the cost of materials.