

Application to Become a University of Wisconsin – Extension Master Gardener Volunteer



The purpose of the Master Gardener Volunteer (MGV) training class is to prepare you to be an educator and extender of horticulture to the local community. In exchange for the training made possible through UW-Extension, and to become a Master Gardener Volunteer (MGV), you are required to complete volunteer service after the training.

The following steps are required to become a MGV:

- Complete the Master Gardener Volunteer Application Form.
- Complete the background check prior to the classroom training.
- Complete and sign the Volunteer Agreement prior to the classroom training.
- Pass a written examination.
- Complete a minimum of 24 hours of volunteer service by October 1 of the year in which you take training.

Upon enrollment in the training program you will become a member of the Wisconsin Master Gardener Association (WIMGA) and the Racine/Kenosha Master Gardener Association for one year.

To remain a Certified Master Gardener Volunteer in subsequent years there are annual volunteer and continuing education commitments (24 hours service and 10 hours continuing education).

I would like to become a Master Gardener Volunteer, representing UW-Extension, and request acceptance into the MG Volunteer training program offered through Kenosha and Racine UW-Extension.

Name (print) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

County _____

Phone (home) _____

Phone (work) _____ Cell _____

Occupation (current or former) _____

E-mail _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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Please answer the following questions so we can match your talents to our volunteer needs. No experience is required, we simply want to know what your interests are. *Use another sheet of paper, if necessary.*

Why do you wish to become a Master Gardener? Why is this a good time for you to become involved in the Master Gardener Program?

Give us an idea of the scope of your gardening experiences (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Home/backyard garden | <input type="checkbox"/> Flowers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community garden | <input type="checkbox"/> Trees/shrubs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Farm | <input type="checkbox"/> Lawn |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Professional (lawn, landscape, nursery, other) | <input type="checkbox"/> Fruits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetables |

Please describe any special training, classes or experiences you've had in gardening/horticulture.

What type of projects might you be interested in as a Master Gardener Volunteer? (Check all that apply.)

- Dig in the dirt, get my hands dirty.
- Research information and share with others.
- Organize projects, events, committees.
- Other _____

Please list and describe in some detail your volunteer experiences (schools, churches, senior citizens, youth, hospitals, etc.). Also list any group affiliations with garden clubs or service organizations.

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What special skills might you offer the Master Gardener program. (Check all that apply.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer skills | <input type="checkbox"/> Writing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clerical | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public speaking | <input type="checkbox"/> Art/graphics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching | <input type="checkbox"/> Construction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership | <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public relations/marketing | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

How did you learn of the Master Gardener program? (If you were referred by a Master Gardener Volunteer, please tell us whom.)

**After attending Master Gardener Volunteer Orientation,
please return this application to**

MGV Program, Kenosha County UW-Extension,
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Bristol, WI 53104