

To Apply

- Make sure you are able to put the time and effort into the Master Gardener Program during training and for at least one more year.
- Call the Extension Office and have your name added to the list. 509.962.7507
- In late August/early September, look for the Master Gardener Training Application in your mail.
- Return the application and required background check information by the due date.
- Schedule your interview at the same time. Interviews are typically held the third week of September, and applicants will be notified of their status by the last week of September.

Successful Applicants

If you are chosen to become a Master Gardener Trainee, you will be notified prior to the last week of September.

If accepted, you will be given instructions for registering online with the WSU Master Gardeners training program. You'll need to pay the \$75 to the state with a credit card. Please do this as soon as possible so we can help with any registration difficulties.

A meet-and-greet will be held in your honor, typically the last weekend of September. You'll receive your student handbook at this time.

Classes start in October, and are held on the first and third Tuesdays of every month into April, holidays excepted. Classes are from 9-1, with sign-in starting at 8:30 am.

Classes are generally held in the Armory, but field trips and excursions will take us to the lab at CWU or into the garden for pruning demonstrations. Please dress appropriately for each day's schedule.



If the cost of training prevents your ability to participate, please let us know.

Scholarships are available through the Kittitas County Master Gardener Foundation.

**For more information
visit the Master Gardener
Diagnostic Clinic
May through September
Tuesdays 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

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Time

Training to become a Master Gardener is an intensive undertaking. Candidates should think carefully about the time needed to attend classes, research and present a final project, and complete the online training exercises/exams.

Most trainees find that a minimum of five hours is needed outside of class every week.

Classes are approximately 4 hours long and are held bi-weekly.

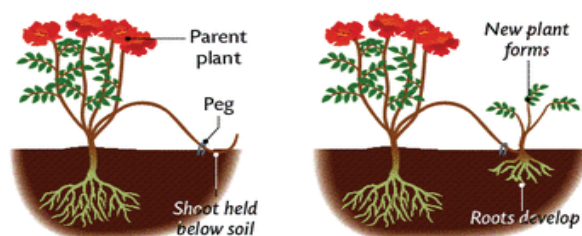
Trainees must:

- Attend all training sessions.
- Complete online work and pass online quizzes and final exam.
- Possess a sincere desire to learn and share information with others.
- Enjoy working with people.
- Communicate effectively with other Master Gardeners and the public.
- Comply with WSU's pest control recommendation policy and consumer horticulture information.

Course Content

The training will include classroom work, labs, online training, field trips, and tours to promote horticultural knowledge. Topics include:

- Basic Botany
- Garden Management and Landscaping
- Basic Entomology
- Integrated Pest Management
- Soil Management and Composting
- Disease Identification and Management
- Lawn Care and Management
- Vegetable Gardening
- Basic Weed ID and Management
- Tree Fruits and Berries
- Firewise Landscaping
- Pruning Principles
- Native and Ornamental Plants
- Plant Problem Diagnosis



Interns

After training, interns are required to put in 40 hours of volunteer service their first year, and 25 hours per year after that. If you are not able to provide service hours in return for your training, please do not apply for the program.

Volunteer opportunities are varied and lots of fun. Some are required, such as working at the plant sale and at the plant clinic. Other projects/events include Farmers' Markets, Ladies Night Out, Kittitas County Fair, and working our Healing Garden at the local hospital.

Estimated program costs:

\$25 Kittitas County Master Gardener Foundation
\$75 WSU Master Gardener Program
=\$100 total cost