

Our Master Gardeners

The University of California Cooperative Extension in Fresno County has an active group of over 200 Master Gardener volunteers who support local educational programs in home horticulture by staffing a phone-in helpline, providing public education classes and presentations, coordinating a Plant a Row for the Hungry program, maintaining a one-acre food production and ornamental demonstration garden, conducting plant clinics, and providing other educational opportunities.

Gardening Resources

Master Gardener Website
<http://mgfresno.ucdavis.edu>

Master Gardener Helpline
559-456-7563

California Gardening Website
<http://cagardenweb.ucdavis.edu>

Integrated Pest Management Website
<http://ipm.ucdavis.edu>

Books Available at the UC Cooperative Extension Office for purchase:
California Master Gardener Handbook
Gardener's Companion

Fresno County Master Gardeners Mission Statement

Master Gardener volunteers provide the public with University of California (UC) research-based information, verified by UC experts, about home horticulture, pest identification, landscape management, and other environmental and natural resource issues.



Our programs are open to all potential participants. Please contact the Fresno County UCCE office, (two weeks prior to the "scheduled" activity), at 559-456-7285, if you have any barriers to participation requiring any special accommodations.

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Healthier Environment
Healthier Gardeners
Healthier Community

Local Master Gardener Website
<http://mgfresno.ucdavis.edu/>

UC Cooperative Extension Office
1720 S. Maple Ave.
Fresno, CA 93702
559-456-7285

Garden of the Sun Demonstration Garden
1944 N. Winery
(South end of Discovery Center)
Fresno, CA
559-456-4151 (M,W,F mornings)

Master Gardener Helpline
559-456-7563 (M to F - 9 a.m. to noon)
mgfresno@ucdavis.edu



Master Gardener Programs

Garden of the Sun Demonstration Garden

Located at the south end of the Discovery Center at 1944 N. Winery in Fresno (near Winery and McKinley) and open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on most Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, the one-acre Garden of the Sun includes an extensive orchard of fruit trees and vines, beds of vegetables, herbs, perennials, cut flowers, an All-America Selection Garden, and a compost demonstration area in a setting designed by landscape designer, Robert Truxell. Also featured in the garden are specialty gardens for children and the physically challenged. Stop by and learn from the Master Gardeners who volunteer there.

Adult Education Classes

Take a gardening class from the Master Gardeners and learn about everything from pruning fruit trees to composting. Offered throughout the year on most Wednesdays and Saturdays, our classes are an inexpensive (and sometimes free) way to learn how to take care of your garden or landscape. To learn about upcoming classes, visit our website or call 559-456-7285 to have a class schedule mailed to you.

Helpline

A Master Gardener is available to answer your gardening questions Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon at 559-456-7563 or email mgfresno@ucdavis.edu. Call them for help!

Special Events

At least twice a year, we hold special gardening events like our Spring Garden Tour and Taste of the Harvest. These activities are designed to educate and inspire!

Integrated Pest Management Outreach and Kiosk

Integrated Pest Management (IPM) uses environmentally sound, yet effective ways to keep pests from annoying you or damaging plants. Look for IPM information posted by Master Gardeners and the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District at local Orchard Supply Hardware stores! We have an interactive IPM computer kiosk that helps you identify and find safe ways to control pests. The kiosk moves every month to a different school or library. To find where ours is, visit <http://ipm.ucdavis.edu/FAQ/kiosk.html>.

Plant A Row for the Hungry

Plant A Row (PAR) is a nationwide, people-to-people program sponsored locally by UC Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners and Community Food Bank. We connect home gardeners who grow extra fruits and vegetables with those in our community who are in need of that nutritious food and teach four free classes each year.

PAR volunteers pledge to donate produce through the Community Food Bank's network of food pantries and at PAR-sponsored events. PAR gardens are excellent projects for families, schools, and youth organizations.



Speakers Bureau

Need a speaker for your school or church group? Call the UC Cooperative Extension Office to request a Master Gardener speaker. Master Gardeners can speak on a variety of gardening topics.

Special Projects: Community Gardening, Spanish Outreach, Landscape Tree Care, Youth Gardening, Sustainable Landscaping and more...

Whatever your interest, we have Master Gardener experts to help. We can help your organization start a **community garden** or offer classes to community gardeners. Our bilingual Master Gardeners can be heard on local **Spanish** radio and teach classes in Spanish at the Garden of the Sun. The **Landscape Tree Care**



committee gives educational tree walks and has developed guides to buying, planting, and caring for trees that are available on our website for download. Our award-winning **Youth Gardening** program maintains a demonstration garden at the Garden of the Sun, holds an annual Kid's Gardening Day, and has published a gardening resource guide for teachers. Master Gardeners with expertise **gardening in the foothills** provide written guides to help higher elevation gardeners on our website. You can hear or see Master Gardeners on **local radio** and **television** shows nearly every week and read the Master Gardener **newspaper** column in the Fresno Bee every Thursday.

Plant Clinics

Ever wonder what kind of insect is eating your plant or how to care for your annuals? Master Gardeners hold plant clinics at Farmers' Markets and garden centers. These booths are staffed by expert Master Gardeners who can provide you with answers to your questions.