

We are the UC Master Gardener Program

Advice to Grow By...Ask Us!

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Mission Statement

“To extend research based knowledge and information on home horticulture, pest management, and sustainable landscape practices to the residents of California.”



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Program Statistics



2017-18

- **6,087** active UC Master Gardener volunteers
- Programs in more than **52** counties
- An astounding **4,084** projects statewide, **144,268** events and **1,000+** garden locations



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Program Impacts



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Project Examples: Rancho Cielo in Monterey

- Audience is young adults 18-24, 85% of whom have been incarcerated
- UC Master Gardener volunteers created a learning opportunity while renovating 47 fallow raised beds to become the “Learning Garden”
- Volunteers provide ongoing on-site training to participants in the culinary academy & Silver Star Program
- Participants receive practical knowledge in garden-related projects, and organic garden maintenance



Project Examples:

Fresno-Merced UC CalFresh collaboration

- Collaboration between UC Master Gardener volunteers and UC CalFresh educator
- Volunteers advise on sustainable gardening practices, fill in knowledge and skill gaps, & provide information to address immediate garden needs
- Volunteers teach on-site classes and workshops in the garden
- UC CalFresh clientele are more excited about making lifestyle changes



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Project Examples:

Sonoma Produce Safety Research

- Question: Are produce and eggs exposed to fire, ash and fire retardants safe to consume?
- October 2017 citizen science effort by UC Master Gardener volunteers to collect produce and egg samples from contaminated areas
- Engaged UC Davis and UC Berkeley researchers to analyze samples



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Project Examples:

Grow LA Victory Garden

- Established in 2009
- Targeted to serve communities at higher risk for food insecurity
- Offer vegetable gardening courses throughout LA County in spring and fall
- Classes taught in both English and Spanish
- To date, project has reached more than 3,500 adults who reported gains in gardening knowledge through pre- and post-class surveys



Making Connections

Find a UC Master Gardener Program

Thank you for your interest in the UC Master Gardener Program! Programs are based in your local UC Cooperative Extension office. Select your county below to be redirected to a local UCCE office website for more information.

If you are interested in becoming a UC Master Gardener, note that training times and location vary by county. It is highly recommended that you train in the county where you reside.

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