

# Become a UC Master Gardener!

## Riverside County Volunteer Training Class 2023-2024



### Mission

*“To extend research-based knowledge and information on home horticulture, pest management, and sustainable landscape practices to the residents of California and be guided by our core values and strategic initiatives.”*

For additional information about our program, general training information, and Volunteer Application visit: <https://tinyurl.com/2n55pcec>



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### Information Sessions

Becoming a UC Master Gardener begins with a personal commitment to education and service to the community. You must be a Riverside County resident and attend an Information Session to learn about our program.

Information Sessions listed below are Tuesdays from 6pm-8pm.

**In-Person Registration Link:**  
<https://tinyurl.com/d4dvekfs>

- **April 4, 2023** - 75080 Frank Sinatra Dr, Palm Desert, CA 92211
- **April 18, 2023** - 2980 Washington St Riverside, CA 92504
- **May 2, 2023** - 75080 Frank Sinatra Dr, Palm Desert, CA 92211
- **May 16, 2023** - 2980 Washington St Riverside, CA 92504
- Register in advance for **May 30, 2023 Zoom Session - Registration Link**  
<https://tinyurl.com/54nzz2jh>

### Interviews

A selection committee of current UC Master Gardeners will review all applications, conduct in-person applicant interviews, and recommend acceptance to the UC Master Gardener volunteer training program.

A written application is due by June 2<sup>nd</sup> for Palm Desert interviews and June 22<sup>nd</sup> for Riverside interviews.

- **June 6, 7, 8, 2023** - Palm Desert
- **June 26, 27, 28, 2023** - Riverside

### Training Class

The training course is a series of 18 classes that meet Tuesdays from 6pm-9:30pm. There is a \$225 class fee to cover textbooks and other expenses. Classes are scheduled to be held via Zoom with some select in-person sessions. Topics include soil, irrigation, plant pathology, weed management, vegetables, citrus, and much more. The classes are taught by agricultural experts and provide a basic introduction to horticulture and pest management.

Students must successfully complete the volunteer training course, complete required volunteer hours, and pass a final exam to be certified as a UC Master Gardener.

- **Sep 12 & 26, 2023**
- **Oct 10 & 24, 2023**
- **Nov 14 & 28, 2023**
- **Dec 5 & 12, 2023**
- **Jan 9 & 23, 2024**
- **Feb 6 & 20, 2024**
- **Mar 5 & 19, 2024**
- **Apr 2 & 16 & 30, 2024**
- **May 7, 2024**
- **May 19, 2024** - Graduation

