



Want to join our volunteer team?

Applications for the UC Master Gardeners of Napa County program and training classes are only available at scheduled informational meetings. Register to attend one of the following informational meetings to receive your application:

INFORMATION MEETINGS

In – person (masks recommended)
Saturday, August 28, 10-11 am
NAPA UCCE MEETING ROOM
1710 Soscol Avenue, Napa

Register to attend at:
<http://ucanr.edu/MGClassInfoMtgAug28>

By Zoom
Monday, August 30, 12- 1 pm
Register to get 8/30 zoom link at:
<http://ucanr.edu/MGClassInfoMtgSept15>

By Zoom
Wed., September 15, 6:30-7:30 pm
Register to get 9/15 zoom link at:
<http://ucanr.edu/MGClassInfoMtgAug30>

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

5:00 pm, Friday, October 1, 2020
UC Cooperative Extension
1710 Soscol, Suite 4, Napa CA

Some benefits of being a UC Master Gardener:

- Recognition as part of Cooperative Extension’s team of volunteer educators.
- Association with fun, interesting people committed to learning and teaching others about gardening.
- Community recognition of personal special skills as a Certified UC Master Gardener.
- Up-to-date horticulture training from University experts, including hands-on practice.
- An improved understanding of how plants grow and respond to the environment.
- Access to UC Agriculture and Natural Resources publications and information.



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How to contact Master Gardeners?

Master Gardeners (MGs) staff an In-Office Help Desk Weds. 10 am – 1 pm (as of Sept 8, 2021; subject to change) Bring your samples of insects, weeds, and diseased plants to the Help Desk for diagnosis.

You can also submit your garden questions by phone, e-mail or through our website. UC Master Gardeners are working remotely to answer your questions to their Help Desk hotline:

Call From Napa: 707-253-4221

From American Canyon & Upvalley: 877-279-3065 (toll free)

EMAIL
mastergardeners@countyofnapa.org

WEBSITE
napamg.ucanr.edu

UC MG Office Help Desk
UC Cooperative Extension office
1710 Soscol Avenue, Suite 4
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COMMUNITY EDUCATION & OUTREACH

Visit the Master Gardener website for a list of current workshops and special events. Master Gardeners are also available to give talks for garden clubs and other community organizations.

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The mission of the UC Master Gardener program is to extend research-based information on home horticulture, pest management and sustainable landscape practices to the residents of California guided by our core values and strategic initiatives.

Napa County UC Master Gardener program addresses identified needs of home gardeners in Napa County.

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What is the UC Master Gardener Program of Napa County?

The UC Master Gardener Program of Napa County is a volunteer organization associated with the University of California Cooperative Extension. Master Gardeners are trained, unpaid teaching staff certified to extend practical horticultural information to home gardeners.



Who becomes a Master Gardener?

Master Gardeners are adults of all ages and all walks of life who reside in Napa County and enjoy teaching. All have experience and knowledge of plants and home gardening. They have a desire to learn, stay up to date on current information and help others learn home gardening skills. We encourage bilingual applicants.

Master Gardeners are enthusiastic, have time to volunteer, are willing to learn and help others, can effectively communicate and work with diverse groups of people.

Applicants are selected based on their skills, ability and desire to fulfill the volunteer commitment and the current needs of the program.

The Napa County program began in 1995 and since then close to 500 local residents have completed training; 128 volunteers are currently active in Napa County

What type of volunteer work does a Master Gardener do?

Master Gardeners:

- staff an information help desk in the University of California Cooperative Extension office;
- answer questions, diagnose plant problems, and give out horticultural information;
- provide information at public meetings, farmers markets and through talks and workshops;
- partner with local municipalities to provide guided tree walks, rose garden care and trainings at community parks;
- are an educational resource for community gardening projects;
- staff mobile help desks at local nurseries, gardening centers, at public rose gardens and parks.



What is the Master Gardener's commitment to the program?

Master Gardeners are expected to make at least a 2-year commitment to the program. But we hope you will stay much longer

Master Gardener volunteers agree to the following time commitment the first year:

- complete 12-week training program (January- April, ½ day Fridays & online)
- attend a Thursday all day field trip (This is still TBD for 2022)
- complete the group project and pass Final take-home exam
- attend at least 6 monthly Napa County continuing education seminars, held the last Thursday of each month
- provide at least 50 volunteer hours in public educational programs including staffing in-Office Help Desk.

Completion of the above earns the title of certified University of California Master Gardener volunteer.

To maintain certification and active status each subsequent year a master gardener must complete the following minimum:

- 25 hours volunteering in educational program activities
- 12 hours continuing education per year

Master Gardeners are selected based on their skills, ability, and desire to fulfill this commitment, and current program needs.

What training is provided to the Master Gardeners?

Master Gardeners receive an intensive 12 week training program over a three-month period. Classes are taught on Fridays with some online self-paced work required as well. A materials recovery fee is charged. The instruction provides a practical course in plant science and horticulture.

Topics include:

- Sustainable gardening
- Integrated pest management
- Soils and composting
- Disease and insect identification
- Plant problem diagnosis
- Edible and pollinator gardening

Classes are taught by experts in their fields. They include Cooperative Extension advisors, specialists from the University of California at Davis and Berkeley, and other knowledgeable resource people.

The emphasis is on University-based research information applicable to our local home gardens.



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