



*A succulent plant is potted up for an attendee at a Master Gardener event*

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## How do I apply to become a Master Gardener?

You must attend an informational meeting to receive an application. Register for one of the meetings listed below:

### In-person meeting:

Napa UCCE Meeting Room, 1710 Soscol Avenue, Napa

**Saturday, August 22, 1:00-2:00 pm**

### Zoom meetings:

**Tuesday, September 1, 10:00-11:00 am**

**Tuesday, September 15, 6:30-7:30 pm**

Registration links can be found here:



Potential applicants are encouraged to explore current workshops and special events on our website.



*Master Gardeners show their plans to plant roses*

### Application Deadline:

5:00 pm, October 1, 2026

### Questions?

Contact us at [ucmgnapatraining@gmail.com](mailto:ucmgnapatraining@gmail.com)



## UC Master Gardener

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**Want to be a  
Napa County Master  
Gardener Volunteer?**

Master Gardeners are adults of all ages and all walks of life who reside in Napa County. They have a desire to learn with the purpose of helping home gardeners become successful. Bilingual applicants are encouraged to apply.



*Master Gardener trainees engaged in plant problem diagnosis*

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

Applications for the program and training class will only be available at scheduled informational meetings. **Attend one informational meeting to receive your application.** A list of meetings is on the back of this brochure or available at:

[napamg.ucanr.edu](http://napamg.ucanr.edu)

## Training class description:

Master Gardeners receive an intensive college level 12-week training program beginning **January 8, 2027**. Students are expected to complete a minimum of 15 hours of independent learning each week using our online platform, attend hands-on class each Friday from 9:00 am - 1:30 pm and create a 20-minute presentation with a team of fellow trainees outside of class. Weekly classes are held at 1710 Soscol Avenue, Napa.

Topics covered provide a practical course in plant science and horticulture, including:

- Botany, plant pathology and entomology
- Sustainable gardening
- Integrated pest management (IPM)
- Soils, composting and mulch
- Disease and insect identification
- Plant problem diagnosis
- Fire-smart landscaping
- Climate and climate change
- Pollinators and beneficial insects
- Weeds and invasive plants

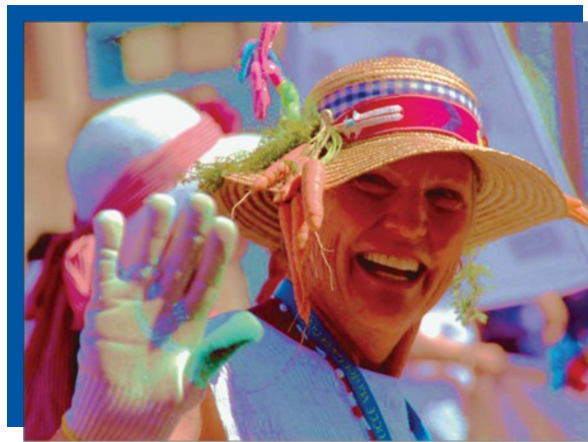
## Cost

There is a charge of \$300 for materials, instruction and supplies. Partial scholarships are available upon request.



*Master Gardener trainees learn weed identification*

Classes are taught by experts in their fields. They include Cooperative Extension advisors, specialists from the University of California, and other qualified presenters. Hands-on learning is emphasized in most training class exercises.



*Master Gardeners participate in community events*

Volunteers don't have to have ALL the answers. We are learners and teachers, engaged in a process of life-long inquiry about natural systems. Our collective aim is to learn how to use UC research-based information to support sustainable gardening outreach.

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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 and be guided by our core values and strategic initiatives.*

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## Volunteer activities:

- Staff the help desk
- Farmer's markets in Napa and St. Helena
- Fuller Park tree walk and rose garden
- Tomato Festival
- Fall Faire
- Diagnose plant problems
- Weekly Newspaper articles
- Workshops for the public
- Library talks
- Las Flores Community Garden
- Field testing



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

Master Gardeners are expected to make at least a 2-year commitment to the program.

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

## Master Gardener trainee requirements:

- Be a Napa County resident
- Attend one scheduled informational meeting to receive an application (dates on back)
- Complete an online application
- If invited, participate in an in-person interview October 5-9, 11:00 am-3:00 pm
- Receive fingerprint clearance from the California Department of Justice
- Attend orientation meeting on November 13
- Complete preliminary online assignments in November and early December to familiarize yourself with the online learning platform and policies and procedures of Master Gardeners
- Successfully complete the 12-week training class

## First year after graduation:

Accrue at least 50 volunteer hours to support educational programs

## To maintain certification and active status:

In subsequent years, master gardeners must complete at least 25 hours volunteering in educational program activities and 12 hours continuing education per year.

## Benefits of being a UC Master Gardener:

- Association with fun, interesting people
- Horticulture training from UC experts
- Opportunities for collaboration & leadership
- Make a positive impact on the environment
- Improved engagement with your community