

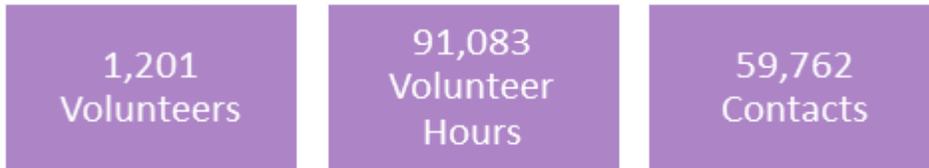


About the Program

Extension Master Gardener (EMG) is an educational volunteer program sponsored by K-State Research and Extension (KSRE). Donating hours of service in return for horticultural training, Master Gardener volunteers are a vital part of KSRE's ability to provide accurate, up-to-date and research-based information to Kansas stakeholders.

Once trained, Master Gardener volunteers work as part of their local Extension office to provide consumer horticulture education and information in their communities through a variety of activities, such as "hotlines," demonstration gardens, garden shows, public presentations, tours and more.

EMG programs are currently supported in over 72 Kansas counties. In 2021, volunteer service was equivalent to 44 full-time Extension staff positions, worth an estimated \$2.6 million dollars in salary savings.



Join the Program

Master Gardener volunteers are educators passionate about strengthening vibrant local economies and livable communities by empowering individuals and families to cultivate healthy environments and food systems through horticultural practices. Any Kansas citizen with a passion for gardening, life-long learning, and community education can apply for the EMG program.

Volunteer training requirements and expectations vary and are coordinated by each local Extension unit hosting an active EMG program. Training consists of 40 to 50 hours of basic horticulture instruction taught online and in-person by state specialists from Kansas State University, Extension agents, and other subject matter experts and includes a resource notebook. Trained Master Gardener volunteers commit to volunteering 20 to 40 hours annually and attending advanced training opportunities.

For more information contact, Lacey Noterman, Walnut Creek District Extension Agent, at 785-798-3921 or lnote@ksu.edu.



K-State Research and Extension – Walnut Creek District
Master Gardener Program Application 2022

Application Due Thursday, August 25th

Who we are: The ***Walnut Creek District Extension Master Gardener Program*** is a volunteer organization designed to allow volunteers to use their skills and passions to engage the public with sound horticultural information.

GUIDELINES for MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM PARTICIPATION: Admission to the *Master Gardener Program* requires that the applicant.

- Be a district resident
- Have a high school diploma or equivalent.
- Possess a broad interest in horticulture.
- Support the objectives of the *Master Gardener Program* and the Extension programs of the Extension District and abide by the MG Code of Ethics.
- Be able to read and comprehend a notebook of support materials to be used for future reference.
- Complete the basic *Master Gardener Training Course*.

Name (First and Last): _____

County of Residence: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Special Accommodations Needed: _____

What is your present occupation?

Employed Full time: _____

Homemaker: _____

Employed Part Time: _____

Retired: _____

Will your employment or other regular commitments allow you to be available to participate in the Basic *Master Gardener* Training Course classes on Thursdays from 1:00-4:00pm?

How did you hear about the Master Gardener Program?

Explain briefly why you wish to become a Master Gardener.

K-State Research and Extension is committed to providing equal opportunity for participation in all programs, services, and activities. Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested by contacting the event contact Lacey Noterman two weeks prior to the beginning of the program at 785-798-3921. Requests received after this date will be honored when it is feasible to do so.

Kansas State University Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service

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Please Return Application to:

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