

BECOME A SHAWNEE COUNTY EXTENSION MASTER GARDENER



Extension Master Gardener Programs train volunteers in the science and art of gardening. The prerequisites are a desire to learn and the willingness to use the acquired knowledge and skills to teach our community members.

Training Year

- Complete an online training course through K-State Research and Extension—Shawnee County beginning in September and ending in December.
- This course will be taught using Microsoft Teams and Zoom with the option for participants to join a live session in person or online, or watch a recording during that week. The use of the Microsoft Teams platform is required to complete the training in 2023. (No software purchase needed)
- In addition to the training sessions, each participant will be asked to complete a weekly assignment and to attend 4 online orientation sessions Wednesday evenings from 7 pm-8pm.

Year Following Training

- Volunteer 20 hours answering home gardening questions on our Response Line.
- Volunteer an additional 20 hours through any of our 30 committees.
- Attend a minimum of 4 membership meetings (held monthly).
- Complete 6 units of approved advanced training.

Ongoing Annual Obligations

- Volunteer 25 hours through any of our 30 committee's projects and work.
- Attend a minimum of 4 membership meetings annually.
- Complete 6 units of approved advanced training each year.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Garden in one of our nine demonstration gardens.
- Promote environmental awareness and stewardship through the response line.
- Present educational programs to youth and adults in the form of library and school programs, hands-on demonstrations and public events!

How to Apply:

- Applications are available online May 6th and due July 28th.
- Applicants attend an orientation and pre-acceptance interview in August.
- Classes begin in September and conclude in December with 5-7 hours' worth of weekly work.

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