

PURDUE EXTENSION  
MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM

Lake County Master Gardeners Association

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**Purdue Master Gardener Program Seeking New Crop of Volunteers**

If you want to sharpen your gardening skills and you have an interest in sharing your knowledge with others, Purdue University has the ideal program for you. Beginning August 30, 2021, a Purdue Extension Master Gardener Basic Training Course will be offered for residents of Lake County and surrounding areas. The Purdue Master Gardener Program is a volunteer training program that provides a learning framework for participants to increase their knowledge on a wide variety of horticultural subjects. In turn, participants volunteer, representing Purdue University. As volunteers, participants grow by sharing knowledge while providing leadership and service in educational gardening activities within their communities.

Training will be held Mondays 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. CST from August 30-December 13, 2021 excluding October 11-Indigenous People's/Columbus Day. Interested garden enthusiasts can register at:

<https://tinyurl.com/88s3cpb6> to receive additional information about the application process.

We will be offering the program in-person at Purdue Extension-Lake County Office 2291 N Main St., Crown Point, Indiana. Participants will be exposed to a wide range of subjects including soil and plant science, diagnosis of plant problems, pesticide safety, and culture of vegetable, flower, landscape, and fruit plants. Materials and expenses for the series of classes cost \$170 per participant including spiral-bound manual. And \$195 for a spiral bound and digital manual. The fee will not be collected until after application is accepted. Discounts are available for two participants sharing materials.

While participants can create new educational outreach programs, there are already plenty of opportunities for which volunteers are needed. Some of these projects include the staffing information booths at gardening events, teaching public education classes, speaking to local clubs and organizations, and hand-on demonstration gardens. For questions about the Purdue Extension Master Gardener program, contact Rena Wielgus, at [rmwielgu@purdue.edu](mailto:rmwielgu@purdue.edu), or call 219-755-3245.



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