

## **Purdue Extension-Marion County 2019 Master Gardener Program Registration Process**

Thank you for your interest in the Purdue Master Gardener program. There are two primary steps in the registration process. Step one must be completed before step two.

1. **Apply now for acceptance into the Purdue Master Gardener volunteer program.**
  - a. Read the information about the Purdue Master Gardener program. It is found here:  
<https://extension.purdue.edu/extmedia/mg/mg-5-w.pdf>
  - b. Fill out the Purdue Master Gardener Volunteer Application and Agreement for the afternoon or evening class.
  - c. Return the completed application and agreement with original signature to our office. Send or bring to: Purdue Extension-Marion County, Attn: Master Gardener Program, 1202 E 38<sup>th</sup> St., Discovery Hall, Suite 201, Indianapolis, IN 46205 (located on the Indiana State Fairgrounds).
  - d. Come to our office to show evidence of a government-issued photo ID (copies not accepted). Please contact Debbie Schelske for an appointment (appointments outside of office hours are possible): [dschelsk@purdue.edu](mailto:dschelsk@purdue.edu) or call 317-275-9286.
  - e. Master Gardener certification occurs only after the training program is completed and a minimum of 40 volunteer hours of approved service is completed within two years of the last class date.
  
2. **Once accepted, we will send you information this summer on how to register for one of the two fall 2019 Purdue Extension-Marion County Master Gardener training classes.**
  - a. Classes will begin September 23 and end December 11, 2019 (December 18 if there is inclement weather). There are 18 required class sessions and 3 optional sessions that meet on Mondays and Wednesdays.
  - b. Basic registration fee is estimated to be approximately \$180.00 for the 18 sessions (about \$200 including the three additional optional sessions). Financial help for 50% of the basic registration fee may be available for a limited number of individuals.
  - c. Afternoon Class: Master Gardener Class #2019-1 is on Mondays and Wednesdays, September 23-December 18, 2019 (includes alternate snow days), 1:00-4:00pm, Purdue Extension-Marion County Classroom, Indiana State Fairgrounds, 1202 E. 38th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46205, free parking.

- d. Evening Class: Master Gardener Class #2019-2 is on Mondays and Wednesdays, September 23-December 18, 2019 (includes alternate snow days), 6:00-9:00pm, Purdue Extension-Marion County Classroom, Indiana State Fairgrounds, 1202 E. 38th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46205, free parking.
- e. Training topics for Marion County are shown below.

### **Master Gardener Training in Marion County: Required “Core” Topics**

Session 01: Master Gardener Orientation  
Session 02: Plant Science  
Session 03: Soils and Plant Nutrition  
Session 04: Insect Identification & Control/Pest Management  
Session 05: Plant Disease/ Plant Disease Diagnosis  
Session 06: Weed Identification & Control  
Session 07: Invasive Species/Animal Pests (Nuisance Wildlife)  
Session 08: Pesticide Use & Safety/Pesticide Alternatives  
Session 09: Lawn Care  
Session 10: Vegetable Gardening  
Session 11: Fruit Gardening  
Session 12: Woody Ornamentals: Plant Selection/Trees & Shrubs  
Session 13: Woody Ornamentals: Landscape Maintenance  
Session 14: Woody Ornamentals: Pruning Trees & Shrubs  
Session 15: Volunteer Guidelines & Opportunities  
Session 16: Herbaceous Ornamentals: Annual & Perennial Flowers  
Session 17: Herbaceous Ornamentals: Ornamental Grasses/Flowering Bulbs  
Session 18: Final Exam/Class Evaluation/Final Presentation

### **Master Gardener Training in Marion County: Optional Suggested Topics**

Session 19: Home Landscape Design  
Session 20: House Plant Care  
Session 21: Plant Propagation

### **Extra Sessions (if needed)**

Session 22: Make up Class Session (if needed for inclement weather)  
Session 23: Make up Class Session (if needed for inclement weather)

Pest control sessions include chemical & non-chemical options. Vegetable session doesn't include herbs.

If you have questions, please contact Debbie Schelske at [dschelsk@purdue.edu](mailto:dschelsk@purdue.edu) or call 317-275-9286. Thanks again for your interest in the Master Gardener program.

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If you would like to participate in this programs and have special needs, please contact us at 317-275-9286 prior to the beginning of the program.