



## Dear Prospective Purdue Extension Master Gardener:

Thank you for your interest in the Purdue Extension Master Gardener (EMG) Statewide Basic Training. Our main objective is to train volunteers to assist Purdue Extension with home horticulture education in local communities. Purdue EMGs receive training in horticulture to equip them to fulfill this educational role through volunteering in a variety of projects approved by their local EMG County Coordinator (Purdue Extension Educator). The requirements for Purdue EMG certification include acceptance into the training through an application and screening process, payment of registration fee, completion of the EMG Basic Training which includes passing the open-book final exam with a score of 70% or higher, and contributing at least 40 hours of volunteer service approved by the local EMG County Coordinator within two years. Purdue Extension Master Gardeners are also required to complete at least 12 volunteer and 6 continuing education hours every year in order to stay active.

## Program Information

**There will be a Statewide Virtual Purdue EMG Basic Training from August 25 – December 15, 2020 (includes final exam due date). The statewide live webinars will be held on Tuesdays, from 6:30 – 8:30 pm (ET).** Many counties have come together to offer this program which includes a local county connection hour. **Here in Marion County, the local county connection hour will be on Thursdays from 1:30-2:30 pm (Class 2020-1) OR 6:30-7:30 pm (Class 2020-2) each week.** This will be offered live virtually through a link you will receive. Marion County application forms are at: <https://extension.purdue.edu/marion/article/8358> (contact [dschelsk@purdue.edu](mailto:dschelsk@purdue.edu) if you cannot print the form). Additionally, an online information sharing platform, Basecamp, will be used to share additional handouts and other information with participants.

## Application and Registration Information

Please read the Purdue Extension Master Gardener Program Policy Guide and complete, sign, and return the Purdue Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Application and Agreement to: Purdue Extension-Marion County, 1202 E 38<sup>th</sup> Street, Discovery Hall, Suite 201, Indianapolis, IN 46205. **Fill out Form EMG-1 for MG Class 2020-1 for the afternoon county connection OR Form EMG-1 for MG Class 2020-2 for the evening county connection.** All applicants are also required to consent to national and state sex and violent offender registry checks and provide evidence of a government issued photo ID to your local EMG County Coordinator or designated Purdue Extension staff. You may download the policy guide here: <http://tinyurl.com/MGstateguide> or contact the Purdue Extension-Marion County office to receive a copy. Photo ID checks are done live at the local office or virtually via Zoom. E-mail: [dschelsk@purdue.edu](mailto:dschelsk@purdue.edu) or call 317-275-9286 first (office is not open to the public until at least August 17).

Upon confirmation of acceptance of your application and providing evidence of government issued photo ID, an online registration link will be sent to you. The registration options are listed below:

- \$175.00 for an individual registration with print version of Purdue EMG Manual. Pay an additional \$25.00 to add the digital version of the manual.
- \$270.00 for two people sharing a print version of the Purdue EMG Manual. Pay an additional \$25.00, to add the digital version of the manual. (*Sharing works best for two people in the same household.*)



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Financial help for about 50% of the registration fee is available for a limited number of individuals who need it. E-mail: [dschelsk@purdue.edu](mailto:dschelsk@purdue.edu).

Your copy of the Purdue Extension Master Gardener Manual(s) will be shipped to you prior to the start of the training.

**Refund Policy**

There is a fee of \$25.00, if you cancel your registration prior to August 14, 2020. After August 14, 2020, there are no refunds. Purdue University is not responsible for expenses incurred due to cancellations by registrants. Purdue University reserves the right to cancel any program. Registrants will receive a full refund in the event that Purdue University cancels the program

**2020 Statewide Live Webinar Schedule, Tuesdays, 6:30 – 8:30 pm (ET)**

August 25	Purdue EMG Orientation	October 20	Animal Pests
September 1	Plant Science	October 27	Herbaceous Ornamentals
September 8	Soils and Plant Nutrition	November 3	Woody Ornamentals
September 15	Invasive Species	November 10	Fruit Gardening
September 22	Plant Disease Diagnosis	November 17	Lawn Care
September 29	Weed ID and Control	November 24	No Session
October 6	Insect ID and Control	December 1	Vegetable Gardening
October 13	Pesticide Safety and Alternatives	December 8-15	Evaluations and Final Exam

**2020 Marion County Local Connection, Thursdays, 1:30-2:30 pm (2020-1) OR 6:30-7:30 pm (2020-2)**

August 27 – December 3

Purdue is committed to making all programs accessible to participants. If you require auxiliary aids or services, or if you have other program-related concerns, please contact Steve Mayer ([MayerSL@purdue.edu](mailto:MayerSL@purdue.edu)) at least 2 weeks prior to the program.

Thank you for your interest in the Purdue Extension Master Gardener Program!

Sincerely,

*Steve*

Steve Mayer  
 Extension Educator-Horticulture  
 Purdue Extension-Marion County

