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OR email to: diana.alfuth@wisc.edu	State Zip		Fall 2020 Master Gardener Program Registration

Location and Dates:

The Master Gardener Program will be offered on 8 Monday evenings via live Zoom sessions, along with supplemental videos and activities. Classes will be held on the following days:

<u>Mondays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.</u> October 5, 12, 19 and 26 November 2, 9, 16 and 23

Register by September 25th, 2020

Program Fees: Following registration, participants will be instructed how to purchase the training manual for \$50 plus shipping and handling.

For More Information:

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Fall, 2020 Master Gardener Preparation Training

Training offered on-line Via live Zoom and Video

For Chippewa, Dunn, Eau Claire, Pierce, Polk & St. Croix Counties





What is the UWEX Master Gardener Program?

Master Gardeners are trained volunteers who aid University of Wisconsin-Extension by helping people in their communities better understand horticulture and their environment. This national program was introduced to Wisconsin in 1977. The Master Gardener Program is in all 50 states and several countries.

The goal of the program is to educate and encourage volunteers to help enhance the public's knowledge and awareness of horticulture and natural science. Benefits of participation in the program include new interests, exploration, research, friendships, recognition, self-confidence, leadership and education.

Who Can Participate?

Any adult interested in gardening and volunteering in their community can participate—no previous experience or training is necessary. Enrollment in class is on a first-come basis.

Requirements to Become a Certified Master Gardener

Students will attend local classes and receive training on a variety of gardening and landscaping topics. These topics include such things as basic botany, soil science, fruits, vegetables, diseases, insects, annual and perennial flowers, trees and shrubs, backyard wildlife, lawn care, organic growing, native plants, and more!

Following training, students will enroll in the Wisconsin Master Gardener Onboarding course, where they will pass a final exam and background check, and learn about being a University of Wisconsin volunteer. Participants will then be certified as Wisconsin Master Gardener Volunteers after contributing 24 hours volunteer service to their community helping others learn about horticulture and gardening.

Becoming a certified Wisconsin Master Gardener Volunteer is a great way to enrich your life and the lives of others!



Master Gardener Pledge

I,___

hereby pledge that I will complete the required 24 hours of volunteer service to become a certified Master Gardener Volunteer.

I am interested in doing the following types of volunteer activities:

- ____ Education displays (such as at fairs and other events)
- ____ Teach programs for adults or youth
- ____ Coordinate other volunteers
- ____ Organize, plant, maintain demonstration or community gardens
 - Community beautification
- Other: (specify)

Please list any past horticulture education you have received:

