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### Plant and Insect Clinic

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 Cowlitz County Master  
Gardeners

### Life-changing experience

- Many of us MG volunteers feel that our community outreach activities have given us a renewed purpose in life. In the process of making new friends and having the opportunity for endless learning, we find that sharing our gardening experiences and knowledge with children and adults in our community is a life-changing experience. Having fun with other dedicated MG volunteers is a reward in itself!

### About Master Gardener Training

- Class are held January-June.
- Fifteen intensive horticulture related classes.
- Combination of lecture and hands-on training.
- 3-5 hours per week of online instruction
- Additional required activities as on-the-job volunteer training to complete internship.
- Tuition is approximately \$150, with scholarships available. All course materials are included.

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- We provide speakers and community-requested workshops about gardening-related topics.
- Our Plant and Insect Clinic offers FREE help to solve gardening problems.
- We participate in the Home and Garden Show, Earth Day, the Fair, and Farmers Market, and other community events with classes, information, and activities.

# How to Become a Master Gardener





## Who we are

A national volunteer organization trained by Washington State University Extension in the science and art of sustainable gardening practices. There are 100+ Master Gardener volunteers in Cowlitz County.

## Our Mission

To provide research-based gardening information with the members of our community.

## Come and join us!

To become a WSU Master Gardener you must:

- Have a willingness to enthusiastically volunteer service hours to share your knowledge with the people in our community.
- Be at least 18 years old.
- Have a passion for gardening.
- Have an inquiring mind and a zest for learning.

## Our Purpose

Master Gardener training prepares volunteers to be effective communicators in gardening and environmental stewardship. We provide research-based information from WSU and other university systems.

We help people in our own community grow their gardens in a sustainable, science-based manner, while enhancing awareness of invasive species, pollinator protection, and water conservation and protection.

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