



Master Gardeners

Making gardens grow in Wisconsin

Extension-trained Master Gardeners, volunteers who teach about horticulture and environmental stewardship, help their communities become better places to live. Master Gardeners do more than grow flowers or maintain landscapes. They also teach members of the public about horticulture in a variety of ways -- by answering questions and providing research-based information at local gardening events, through special workshops, on UW-Extension-supported garden hotlines, or through other means.

Extension Response

University of Wisconsin-Extension has trained thousands of Master Gardeners since the late 1970s.

Outcomes

- Master Gardeners in Wisconsin volunteered more than 145,024 hours to University of Wisconsin-Extension and to their communities in 2005. That was 13,698 hours more than in the previous year.
- 2,183 trained Master Gardeners recertified for 2005 in Wisconsin.
- 675 Master Gardeners trained in 2005 are completing their initial volunteer and certification requirements.
- Master Gardeners also participated in over 59,915 hours of continuing education hours to keep them actively learning and updated.

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