

Is the WSU Master Gardener Volunteer Program Right for You?

We would like to share some basic information to help you decide if this training is right for you.

The purpose of the Master Gardener program is to assist WSU Extension in providing state residents with research-based information. Master Gardeners are to be community educators about issues of importance in their local communities that enhance natural resources, sustain communities, and improve the health and wellness of Washington residents. Training will be conducted by WSU faculty, staff and local Master Gardeners.

COST: The Master Gardener training will cost \$175.

- \$75 of this will be paid to WSU and is non-refundable, and
- \$100 will be paid to the Master Gardener Foundation.

The actual cost of the course is \$325. However, we offer it at the lower price of \$175 with the requirement that you will complete a designated number of volunteer hours by September 30, 2019. If these hours are not completed or you choose to withdraw from the class prior to completing, you will be asked to pay the entire cost of the class.

Attendance at an orientation and the 10 Saturday classes is required. Classes occur on average every two weeks beginning in January, 2018 and ending with an optional graduation ceremony in June 2018. Classes run from 9 am to 3:30 pm each day.

There is both an on-line and a classroom element of training. Together these two training methods provide a fuller understanding of each topic. For more information about Master Gardeners, please visit our website at <http://pnwmg.org>.

The applications for the training are now available on our website. The **deadline for applications is October 31, 2017**.

If you have specific questions, please contact us by emailing the Master Gardener program at 2018MGtrainees@gmail.com.

Thank you for your interest in training to become a Master Gardener. We hope that you will join our Master Gardener class of 2018.