



# Who ...

## are Extension Master Gardeners?

Master Gardeners are volunteer educators who work within their communities to encourage and promote environmentally sound horticulture practices through sustainable landscape management education

As an educational program of the New Mexico Cooperative Extension Service, Master Gardeners bring the resources of New Mexico State University to the citizens of the state.

The Los Alamos Master Gardener program is made up of more than 35 active and certified Master Gardener volunteers from throughout the county who contribute over 5,000 hours of volunteer service each year. Twenty-five new volunteers are trained annually.



# Becoming an EXTENSION Master Gardener

### For More Information:

Please visit us online:

[losalamoextension.nmsu.edu](http://losalamoextension.nmsu.edu)

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Extension Master Gardeners work specifically toward the following goals:

- Enhancing the environment through sustainable landscape practices
- Using horticulture and landscaping to positively impact youth
- Using horticulture and landscaping to promote community development and economic growth
- Using horticulture to improve the overall quality of life for Los Alamos citizens

Sharing Knowledge.  
Empowering Communities.



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## How...

### do I become an Extension Master Gardener?

The 45-hour training program provides research-based information on a variety of horticultural and environmental topics. Training sessions are offered annually from January through April. Preregistration is required. Contact the Los Alamos CES for more information at (505)662-2656 or [losalamos@nmsu.edu](mailto:losalamos@nmsu.edu).

## When...

### do I become an Extension Master Gardener?

By completing the classroom instruction, you become a Master Gardener Intern. The title of Master Gardener is granted after you complete a minimum of 30 hours of volunteer service conducting horticultural education programs.

To complete annual recertification you must:

- Contribute at least 15 hours of volunteer service each year
- Participate in at least 6 hours of continuing education



## Why...

### become an Extension Master Gardener?

By sharing sound horticultural knowledge and teaching environmentally responsible landscape practices, Extension Master Gardeners improve communities throughout New Mexico.

“With the Master Gardener program there’s always more to learn & there’s always more being developed to learn.” - Barbara

Sharing Knowledge.



Empowering Communities.

“The Master Gardener program is great because it combines two things that you love - your community & gardening.” - Jim

Extension Master Gardener training involves a variety of topics:

- Botany
- Soils & fertilizer
- Entomology (insects)
- Propagation
- Vegetables
- Fruits
- Turf
- Woody plants
- Herbaceous plants
- Water conservation
- Pruning
- Plant pathology (diseases)
- Plant damage (diagnosis)
- Pesticides
- Landscape design
- Indoor foliage



## What...

### do Extension Master Gardeners do?

- Provide guidance on sustainable landscapes
- Conduct plant clinics
- Oversee the Los Alamos Demonstration Garden
- Run annual educational seminars

Locally, Los Alamos Extension Master Gardeners make a difference by participating in specific projects including:

- **Los Alamos Demonstration Garden**, a garden of demonstrating the use of native & adapted plants.
- **Los Alamos Biennial Garden Tour**, organizing and introducing private gardens in Los Alamo & White Rock to the general public.
- **Public Library Book Drive**, providing gardening resources to Los Alamos Public Library.
- **LAPS Science Fair**, providing scholarships for science fair participants.