

About the Program

Who: Program participants include volunteers from all walks of life and gardening experiences, from beginners to well-seasoned gardeners. Diversity in ethnicity, education and experience makes for a rich and rewarding learning experience.

How: Program participants are trained by NMSU Extension Specialists, County Agents and local experts to become effective community educators in horticulture and environmental stewardship.

What: Master Gardeners volunteer their time assisting their local Cooperative Extension Agent in sharing appropriate, research-based gardening information and techniques with the community. Master Gardeners help new and experienced gardeners create and maintain resilient and environmentally friendly gardens and landscapes.



Online Extension Master Gardener Training

January through April

- Building Healthy Soils
- Plant Science Fundamentals
- Plant Pathology and Diagnostics
- Growing Fruits, Berries, and Nuts
- Growing Vegetables
- Tree Selection and Care
- Turf Selection and Care
- Native and Ornamental Plants
- Watering, Conservation, and Climate
- Plant Identification
- Entomology
- Weed Management and Identification
- Beneficial Insects, Pollinators and Building Habitat

... and more!

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New Mexico Extension Master Gardener Program



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Extension Master Gardeners

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Master Gardener Programs and Contacts

Want to learn more about becoming an Extension Master Gardener Volunteer?

Contact your county Extension office or visit our website: mastergardeners.nmsu.edu.

Online training begins in mid-January and continues through the end of April.

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Accomplishments and Impacts

New Mexico programs train over 200 new Master Gardeners annually. There are more than 1,000 active Master Gardeners statewide. Many have volunteered in their communities for over 15 years.

Working in school gardens, Master Gardeners help students acquire healthier eating habits, improve overall attitude and behavior, and develop an interest in gardening and science.

Master Gardeners fight food insecurity by growing and donating thousands of pounds of vegetables and fruits to community food banks and pantries each year.

Xeric, native plant and vegetable gardens, established by Master Gardeners in many counties, teach garden visitors the importance of water conservation and growing your own food.



Volunteer Activities

Volunteer activities vary by county but may include the following:

- Answering calls on the gardening hotline
- School and youth education programs
- Adult education programs
- Development and maintenance of teaching gardens
- Growing and donating produce to community food banks
- Plant clinics: answering questions at public events and farmers markets
- Field trips and garden tours as continuing education
- Assisting with Cooperative Extension Service workshops and conferences
- Assisting NMSU faculty with Extension demonstrations and research projects
- Teaching home food production
- Community seed libraries and seed saving