



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 programs.

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

The Los Alamos Master Gardener program is made up of more than 30 active and certified Master Gardener volunteers who contribute more than 1,200 hours of volunteer service each year. New volunteers are trained in the 15-week course each January.



For More Information

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Becoming
an
EXTENSION
Master Gardener

- Teaching sustainable landscape practices to local residents and municipal groups.
- Building youth through Gardening programs.
- Promoting community development and economic growth through Horticulture programs.
- Providing sound resources to improve the lives of New Mexicans.



New Mexico State University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer and educator. NMSU and the U.S. Department of Agriculture cooperating.

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.

When...

do I become an Extension Master Gardener?

Master Gardeners must complete the training course in good standing and contribute at least 30 hours of service within the first year. Service hours may be fulfilled in a variety of ways including sharing research-based information at a public event, working in the demonstration garden, leading an educational program related to gardening, or fulfilling administrative roles within the chapter.

Each subsequent year, Master Gardeners complete:

- 15 service hours
- 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:

- Basic Botany
- Soil Health
- Tree Selection/Care
- Vegetables
- Fruits
- Turf
- Woody plants
- Herbaceous Plants
- Water Conservation
- Pests & Disease
- Weeds
- Landscape Design
- Water Conservation

What...

do Extension Master Gardeners do?

- Share research-based horticultural information with the public.
- Provide guidance on sustainable landscapes and water conservation
- Work with chapter members to host a plant clinic.
- Oversee the horticulture elements in the Los Alamos Demonstration Garden.



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

- **Los Alamos Demonstration Garden**, a public garden space demonstrating the use of native & adapted plants.
- **Los Alamos Biennial Garden Tour**, organizing and hosting private gardens tours in Los Alamo & White Rock to the public.
- **LAPS Science Fair**, provide judging expertise and scholarships for science fair participants.