

Continuing assistance and training is provided to Master Gardeners through the ...

Master Gardeners of Hamilton County Association

They have monthly meetings, newsletters, individual consultation, and publications. They organize group activities, lectures, workshops, field trips, etc.

Several subgroups have formed to emphasize specialties like herbs, bonsai, and native plants.

Topics covered in the course include:

Botany	Landscaping
Lawn Grass	Insects
Urban Forestry	Plant Diseases
Fruits	Wildlife
Vegetables	Flowers-Herbs
Perennials	Soils



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Volunteer Opportunities

List of ongoing projects...

Hamilton County Fair
Chattanooga Area Food Bank Projects
Chattanooga Market and other markets
Habitat for Humanity landscaping
Hummingbird and Butterfly Garden
Beginning/Newcomer Gardening Classes
Serve on a MG Committee
Write Articles for the Newsletter
Help teach a Gardening Class
Serve on the MG Board
Bonny Oaks Arboretum
Help at the Extension Office
Judge a 4-H Event
Work with the MG Hotline
Serve on Speakers Bureau
Mentor the Master Gardener Training Class
Help with other ongoing projects as needed

For more information or to apply, contact

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What is the Master Gardener Program?

The Master Gardener program is an educational program designed to meet the gardening needs of our community while developing volunteers. Master Gardeners have time, talents, and resources that are critical to a successful Horticulture program.

What is the purpose of this program?

The Master Gardener program is designed to teach people more about growing plants in the areas of gardening and horticulture. Master Gardeners provide volunteer leadership and service to their community in gardening activities.

How much does it cost to become a Master Gardener?

The sign-up fee is \$150 which includes course materials, room reservations, and first year membership dues to the Master Gardeners of Hamilton County. \$250 per couple sharing materials.

What are the requirements to become a Master Gardener?

To become a Master Gardener, you must take the 15 week class and do the required volunteer hours and CEU's. Two classes are offered at the UT Ag Center from Jan 9 -April 17, 2012. Monday nights 6pm-9pm **or** Tuesday morning 9am-noon
(See class schedules at www.MGHC.org)

Students who complete the training, meet the attendance requirements, and complete at least 40 hours of volunteer service plus 8 CEU hours will be awarded the title of

Tennessee Master Gardener

Volunteer service hours benefit UT programs and the community.

Certification is valid for one year. 27 volunteer hours plus 8 continuing education hours (CEU) are required for yearly certification.

Note: Master Gardeners use their title only when performing unpaid volunteer work. Master Gardeners make only UT approved recommendations and do not deal with commercial problems.

How do I fulfill my hours of Volunteer Service?

Hamilton County Master Gardeners utilize the **ACT** method in meeting the required hours of service which includes, but is not limited to, these opportunities.

Administration – Assist in preparation for field days or at the Extension office, or serve on Master Gardener and other committees.

Community – Carry out service projects related to Master Gardener training, including organizing and overseeing educational projects and working with other agencies as needed.

Teaching – Teaching or preparing educational programs to groups, or writing newsletter articles.

CEU – *Continuing Education*
These are for personal improvement. Attend monthly Master Gardener meetings, other seminars, and state conferences.

Master Gardeners and program coordinators are always open to new, creative ways of serving the community.