



## MASTER GARDENER TRAINING

Master gardeners are trained volunteers who assist Rutgers in its mission to deliver university research based information and programs.

Classes are held Thursday mornings, September through June, at the Passaic County Public Safety Academy in Wayne. The 3 hour lessons, taught mostly by Rutgers faculty and staff, range in topics from lawn care, plant propagation, general entomology to understanding soil. The cost of training is \$300. Seventy hours of volunteer time including 10 hours on the Rutgers Master Gardener Helpline are required to become certified. Master gardeners remain active by providing 25 hours of service and completing 10 hours of continuing education yearly.

Anyone with an interest in gardening and a commitment to volunteer service can become a Master Gardener. No previous education or training is required. To apply for the next class, call (973) 305-5740 or email [cd765@njaes.rutgers.edu](mailto:cd765@njaes.rutgers.edu)

Cooperating Agencies: Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, U. S. Department of Agriculture, and County Boards of Chosen Freeholders. Rutgers Cooperative Extension, a unit of the Rutgers New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station, is an equal opportunity program provider and employer.

## Volunteer through Horticulture

The Extension Master Gardener program was started in 1972 in the state of Washington. Passionate gardeners were trained to provide horticultural education in the community to assist the Extension Service. New Jersey held its first class in 1984. In Passaic County, the first training program was offered in 1996. Since then, thousands of Master Gardeners have been trained throughout the state and given hundreds of thousands of volunteer hours in service to the residents of the Garden State.

Rutgers Cooperative Extension Education programs are offered to all without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, marital or family status.



Rutgers High Tunnel: Teaching and  
Demonstration site

## Master Gardener Association of Passaic County



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Little Falls Public Library

## WHAT DO MASTER GARDENERS DO?

- Staff Rutgers Master Gardener Helpline to answer home gardeners' questions
- Provide gardening demonstrations
- Offer horticultural therapy at local nursing homes
- Staff information booths at county fairs and other public events
- Grow crops for food banks
- Speak about gardening topics to community groups
- Deliver community and youth gardening programs
- Design, plan, organize and record community gardens
- Continue to learn through continuing education programs

## PROJECTS

### Pollinator gardens

Morris Canal Park  
 Garrett Mountain Park Boathouse  
 Preakness Healthcare Center  
 Rutgers High Tunnel: Teaching and Demonstration site

### Horticultural therapy

Llanfair House  
 Preakness Healthcare Center  
 Chelsea at Bald Eagle

### Historical gardens

West Milford Wild and Medicinal Garden  
 Dey Mansion

### Community beautification

Bloomingdale Senior Center  
 Clifton Public Library

### Arboreta

Friends of Laurelwood  
 New Jersey Botanical Garden

### Library programming

Seed exchange, Little Falls  
 Children's Garden, Little Falls

### Community outreach

Passaic County Fair  
 The Great Tomato Tasting Event  
 Boys and Girls Club  
 Gardening program with youth  
 New Jersey Flower & Garden Show  
 North Haledon Community Garden

## MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION OF PASSAIC COUNTY

The purpose of MGAPC is to promote community awareness and participation in programs related to horticulture.

### DUES

\$20 yearly - Includes monthly newsletter.

### MEETINGS

Every fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 p. m. at Preakness Healthcare Center, 305 Oldham Road, Wayne, NJ 07470

### RUTGERS MASTER GARDENER HELPLINE

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 Totowa, NJ 07512

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 9:30 a. m. to 12:00 p. m.

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West Milford Wild & Medicinal Garden