

Master Gardener Basic Training 2026

Combine your love of plants, people and the environment to help your community solve problems and make sustainable gardening decisions. Master Gardener volunteers receive 40 hours of horticulture instruction and give back that time in the benefit of the community. Become a Purdue Master Gardener to help your community, meet like minded people and have fun gardening!

Wednesday Evenings

5:00 - 8:30 PM CST

8/12/2026 - 12/16/2026

Class Topics:

Plant Science
Soils & Plant Nutrition
Invasive Species Control
Plant Disease Diagnostics
Weed ID & Control
Animal Pests
Insect ID
Herbaceous Ornamentals
Pesticide Safety & Alts
Woody Ornamentals
Fruit Gardening
Lawn Care
Vegetable Gardening



In Person Format: Lake County Extension Office,
2291 Main Street, Crown Point, IN

Registration/Payment Deadline: Aug. 5, 2026

Cost: \$250 (payable online)

Questions? Contact: Dolly Foster, 219-755-3240

Application Process:

1. To apply for the training and learn more information on the program contact the extension office. Speak to Rena Wielgus: rmwielgu@purdue.edu, 219-755-3240
2. Registration and Fees: once the Extension Educator approves your application you will register and pay the fees online. This covers your MG Manual. A digital copy of the manual will be available to purchase for \$25.

More information about the program:

[Purdue University Extension Master Gardener Program](#)

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Scholarship Forms available upon request



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