

## 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 Deadline:** Aug. 1, 2026

Cost: TBA (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](mailto: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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