

Master Gardener Basic Training Program Fall 2025

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Class Location	Morgan County Fairgrounds Wilbur Kendal Room 1749 Hospital Drive Martinsville, IN 46151	Time	6:00 PM-9:00 PM EST

Text:

Purdue Master Gardener Manual (in print or electronic version)

Description:

The Master Gardener Program is designed to help gardeners grow by providing them with intensive training in horticulture principles. Participants, in turn, share their knowledge by providing volunteer leadership, and service to their communities.

Goals:

To educate you on important horticulture principles.

To train you to be an active volunteer in the community.

To have fun!

Requirements:

You are expected to attend each volunteer class session (no more than 2 absences), take a final exam, and then complete 40 hours of volunteer service within 2 years to receive an Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Certificate.

Evaluation:

At the end of the course, there will be a written survey for evaluation and a Post-test. These evaluations are voluntary and the post-program survey is also anonymous.

Course Schedule:

Week	Topic	Required Reading
1. WED AUG 20 TH	ORIENTATION & LAWN CARE BY: MICHELE JONES jonesm@purdue.edu & JENNA NEES smith535@purdue.edu	MASTER GARDENER POLICY GUIDE READ: Getting Started: Pages 11-18
2. WED AUG 27 TH	SOIL & PLANT NUTRITION BY: SHALEE BRADLEY sdaming@purdue.edu	READ: CHAPTERS 2 & 6
3. WED SEPT 3 RD	PLANT SCIENCE BY: MICHELE JONES jonesm@purdue.edu	READ: CHAPTERS 1, 3, & 8
4. WED SEPT 17 TH	HERBACEOUS ORNAMENTALS BY: TBD	READ: CHAPTER 9
5. TUES SEPT 23 RD	PESTICIDE SAFETY/ PESTICIDE ALTERNATIVES BY: FRED WHITFORD fwhitford@purdue.edu	READ: CHAPTERS 23 & 24
6. WED OCT 1 ST	PLANT DISEASE DIAGNOSIS & CONTROL BY: CAREY GRABLE cagable@purdue.edu	READ: CHAPTERS 15, 16, 17, 21, & 22
7. WED OCT 8 TH	INSECT ID & CONTROL BY: TABATHA FLINN carroll@purdue.edu	READ: CHAPTERS 18 & 25
8. WED OCT 15 TH	FRUIT GARDENING BY: MICHELE JONES jonesm@purdue.edu	READ: CHAPTER 14
9. WED OCT 22 ND	VEGETABLE GARDENING BY: JEFF PELL jpell@purdue.edu	READ: CHAPTER 7 & 13
10. WED OCT 29 TH	WEEDS id & CONTROL & INVASIVE SPECIES BY: LAIS MCCARTNEY lmccartn@purdue.edu	READ: CHAPTERS 4, 5, 20 & 26
11. WED NOV 5 TH	ANIMAL PESTS BY: MICHELE JONES jonesm@purdue.edu	READ: CHAPTER 19
12. WED NOV 12 TH	WOODY ORNAMENTALS BY: TBD	READ: CHAPTER 10
13. WED NOV 19 TH	COMPOSTING 101 & EXAM PREP BY: MICHELE JONES jonesm@purdue.edu	COMPLETE THE STUDY GUIDE TO HELP STUDY FOR THE OPEN BOOK EXAM
14. WED NOV 26 TH	LAST CLASS OPEN BOOK EXAM CLOSED BOOK POST TEST POST PROGRAM SURVEY BY: MICHELE JONES jonesm@purdue.edu	IN CLASS, OPEN BOOK FINAL EXAM, & POST PROGRAM SURVEY