



Become A Master Gardener

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- Volunteer in your community.
 - Learn appropriate plants for the landscape.
 - Teach others to cultivate healthy landscape plants.
 - Learn how to properly prune your trees and shrubs.
 - Become more knowledgeable of the plants you grow.
 - Gain a better understanding of how to effectively manage landscape pests.

MASTER GARDENERS are volunteers who assist their local Cooperative Extension Office in educating the public in general gardening practices as well as the proper use of pesticides and fertilizers. To become a Master Gardener, an individual must complete 50 hours of horticulture instruction and return an equal number of hours (50) as a Master Gardener volunteer.

September 6 - November 17, 2011

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. until 12 noon.

Northside Christian Church

1213 George Washington Memorial Highway, York County

Course Fee: \$100. Fees associated with this course will cover handbook and other materials.

Application Deadline May 31, 2011

Download Application at: <http://www.yorkcounty.gov/vce>

Classes cover the following topics:

Basic Botany

Pruning

Lawns

Propagation

Trees & Shrubs

Fertilizers

Insects

Vegetables

Annuals

Diseases

Soils

Perennials

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT BECOMING A
MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEER, CALL:

❖ **VIRGINIA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION** ❖

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What is a Master Gardener?

Master Gardeners are a unique group of volunteers trained by Virginia Cooperative Extension to provide an effective network of educational gardening programs and activities to enhance their communities.

UNIQUE—The Master Gardener program is designed to meet the needs of the citizens.

VOLUNTEERS—Master Gardeners are a cross section of Americans with something in common—a desire to share their knowledge and skills with their communities free of charge.

TRAINED—Master Gardeners are trained through Cooperative Extension, receiving up-to-date, accurate information based on research.

NETWORK—Master Gardeners link citizens to the National Land Grant College system which includes Virginia Polytechnic & State University and Virginia State University.

GARDENING PROGRAM AND ACTIVITIES—Master Gardeners work with communities, political leaders, and commercial firms to present programs in all aspects of gardening. Areas include: landscape, vegetables, grounds management, flowers, urban forestry, house plants, insects, disease, fruit crops, and herbs.

ENHANCE THEIR COMMUNITIES—Master Gardeners believe that by working together they can make the community a better place to live. Through Virginia Cooperative Extension programming they reach out to community groups to help solve their problems.

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