



K-State Research & Extension – Reno County 2024 MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM

The Master Gardener Program is a volunteer program for individuals who:

- Enjoy learning about the various areas of horticulture
- Have time to volunteer
- Enjoy being with others who share a common interest in gardening
- Enjoy sharing their knowledge and experience to help others answer their horticulture questions

The Master Gardener program consists of two parts. The first part is a series of classes in the fall covering all aspects of horticulture designed to train participants to serve as extension volunteers. The second part consists of various extension volunteer activities.

Classes will be held on Thursdays from 9:00am to 3:30pm from September 12 through December 12. Classes are taught by Kansas State University faculty and local horticulture experts. Most of the training sessions are held in Newton at the Harvey County Extension Office as we train with Harvey and Butler Counties. We will also hold one class each Haysville, Hesston, Hutchinson and El Dorado. A one-time registration fee of \$125 is required to cover the cost of a Master Gardener reference book and other educational materials.

Please note: Participants will need to provide their own transportation to the training classes. Carpooling is encouraged!

Volunteers are given 40+ hours of classroom training, a large reference book and hands-on training on many horticulture topics, including:

Basic Botany	Soils	Native Plants
Vegetables	Tree Identification	Ornamental Grasses
Growing Fruit in Kansas	Turfgrass	Gardening for Wildlife
Flowers	Herbs	Plant Pathology
Plant Health Care	Trees	Plant Propagation
Entomology	Pesticide Use & Safety	Shrubs
Landscape Design	Nuisance Wildlife	Composting

Actual Master Gardener status is obtained after completion of the classroom training and volunteering a minimum of 40 hours to the Reno County Extension Master Gardener Program during the following growing season. There are many opportunities to volunteer, including:

- Working in the Master Gardener demonstration gardens
- Hosting a summer garden tour and garden fair
- Educational activities at various events around the County including the Reno County Farmers' Market
- Speaking to various groups on gardening topics
- Working with Junior Master Gardeners, 4-H, schools and other youth

In order to maintain active Master Gardener status after the initial year, volunteers are asked to contribute 12 hours of volunteer time and attend 6 hours of continuing education annually. Master Gardeners hold monthly meetings to plan activities and provide continuing education. There are also many opportunities to attend educational programs and tours throughout the year.

For more information or an application, contact:

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