

# **Kentucky Extension Master Gardener** Program 2026



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with prior notification.

#### WHFRF? **DATES?** TIMF?

Classes are held at the

## McCracken County Cooperative Extension Service **Dates and Time TBD**

## What does the program require?

- 1) a one-time registration fee to cover materials used and given in class.
- 2) Submitting information for background check.
- 3) Reading assignments and homework questions covering key ideas in horticulture.
- 4) Volunteer hours of 40 the first year, then 30 each year thereafter.
- 5) Written exam.

## **HOW DO I ENROLL?** By calling (270) 554-9520

#### Cooperative **Extension Service**

Agriculture and Natural Resources Family and Consumer Sciences 4-H Youth Development Community and Economic Development

## What does the program provide?

The Master Gardener training program provides more than 40 hours of classroom and hands-on instruction in horticulture and related areas.

Class instructors include Extension specialists, agents and other guest speakers.

Class topics include:	Plus sections from:
Botany	Annuals and Perennials
Entomology	Fruit Production
Plant Pathology	Tree and Shrub Care
Soils and Fertility	Landscape Design
Volunteering	Lawn Care
Pesticide use and safety	Native Plants

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Lexington, KY 40506

#### WHAT IS THE MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM?

The Extension Master Gardener program provides horticulture training in exchange for volunteer work. The program is a great way to gain horticultural knowledge and share your expertise in your community.

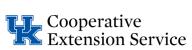
You will meet other gardeners, share gardening experiences, get connected to community, and be associated with a well-respected national program.

The Extension Master Gardener program is offered through local Cooperative Extension Service offices. Cooperative Extension is an outreach unit of Kentucky's Land-Grant universities—the University of Kentucky and Kentucky State University.

The Cooperative Extension Service and Extension Master Gardeners use and provide research-based recommendations to clients.

## 2026 Master Gardener Training Schedule

Orientation / Weed Management Botany / MG Plant Swap Plant ID / Plant Propagation Home Fruit Woody Ornamentals Pesticides and Safety / IPM Entomology Plant Pathology Annual and Perennial Flowers Soils and Fertility Vegetables and Composting VPM / Wildlife Lawn Care Review and Final Exam



#### McCracken County Master Gardener Association

Once you've enrolled in Master Gardener training you may choose to join the *McCracken County Master Gardener Association.* 

Association members share gardening knowledge, present and attend educational seminars, tour gardens & horticulture businesses and work together on volunteer projects.

Master Gardeners meet at 6:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month.

Annual dues are \$15.00, payable January 1st—March 30th.

While training to become a Master Gardener, you are welcome to sit in the monthly meetings to see if you are interested in joining the association.

#### **Commonly Ask Questions**

What qualifications do I need to become a McCracken County Master Gardener Association member?

You would need to be someone who:

Loves gardening!

Wants to help and teach others.

Likes to give back to the community.

Completes the Master Gardener Class.

Completes the yearly volunteer hour requirements. And likes to have a lot of fun!

## HOW DO I ENROLL IN THE MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM?

By calling the McCracken County Cooperative Extension Service 2025 New Holt Road Paducah, KY 42001 (270) 554-9520

If you have additional questions ask for Mary Dossett, Agent for Horticulture.