



The Texas Master Gardener Program

The Texas Master Gardener Program is a volunteer development program of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. Master Gardener volunteers receive in-depth horticultural training. In return, they provide volunteer service through AgriLife Extension by delivering horticultural education to their communities. Program participants should be able to communicate with the public by telephone, personal contact, as a speaker or through written correspondence. Master Gardener volunteers serve as “horticultural docents” supervised by AgriLife Extension personnel who assign, review and facilitate volunteer work.

Step 1: To gain the title of **Master Gardener Intern**, a Trainee

- receives a minimum of fifty (50) hours of instruction
- passes an examination

The volunteer aspect of the Master Gardener program allows individuals to dedicate their time and talents to educate and enhance their local community utilizing the science and art of horticulture.

Step 2: Master Gardener **Interns**:

- give 50 hours of volunteer service in AgriLife Extension initiated projects in Hood County within one year of their training date.
- are certified as a Master Gardener when all requirements are met

Step 3: **Re-certification** of a Master Gardener is an annual process that requires:

- 12 volunteer service hours
- 6 hours of continuing education credits

You are welcome to contact me, if you have questions.

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Texas Master Gardener – Hood County – Application –2023

The Master Gardener training program is for twelve (12) months. Upon completion of all requirements, participants are certified as Texas Master Gardeners. Master Gardeners then re-certify annually through volunteer service and continuing education.

- 1. I desire to be a Master Gardener volunteer in Hood County. I understand that Master Gardeners are trained volunteers - community educators, who share their horticultural knowledge and gardening experience with their fellow citizens. If accepted in the Master Gardener training program, to complete certification:
- I will volunteer a minimum of 50 hours in Extension initiated education programs in 2023.
- I will complete the classroom training course, including a final exam.
- I understand to re-certify annually, a minimum of 12 volunteer hours and 6 hours of continuing Education is required in Extension sanctioned programs
- I agree to a background check - Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service volunteer requirement

Applicant signature: _____ Date: _____

2. Applicant's Name: (please print) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____ Number of years living in Hood Co. _____

3. Professional/Personal experience:

4. Volunteer and/or community service: List the organization and what you do/did: (school/youth group/church/hospital/civic group)

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____

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5. **Why** do you want to become a volunteer in Extension’s Master Gardener program? Useful training, increase skills/knowledge, give back to the community, personal accomplishment, creative use of time, etc.

6. **How did you learn about** Extension’s Master Gardener Volunteer Program?

7. **Are you presently employed**, and if so, where?

8. **If employed, how and when can you volunteer?**

9. **Times available for volunteering:**

Monday – Friday:	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Saturday:	Morning	Afternoon	Evening

10. **What is your gardening/horticulture and related fields experience and/or training? Include experience or knowledge of vegetables, herbs, roses, composting, propagation, turf, trees, fruit, nuts, perennials, etc. What is your gardening story? – When did you start gardening, have you worked professionally in horticulture or a related field, what is your favorite thing about gardening, etc.**

11. Statements of agreement

- I understand that the Master Gardener program is a program sponsored by the Hood County office of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.
- I understand that as a Certified Texas Master Gardener, I represent – Hood County, the Hood County office of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, and The Texas A&M System and will adhere to their policies and guidelines.
- I understand that this application is not valid until I turn in the registration fee to the Hood County AgriLife Extension Office.

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service or accommodation in order to participate in any AgriLife Extension activity are encouraged to contact the Hood County Extension Office to discuss specific needs.

