

For More Information contact:

Montgomery County Cooperative
Extension
9020 FM 1484
Conroe, Texas 77303
936.539.7824



*Become a...
Montgomery County
Master Gardener*



Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners' Courts of Texas Cooperating.

Texas Cooperative Extension
Dr. Ed Hiler, Director
Texas A&M University System
College Station, Texas

Do you have an interest in gardening and sharing your knowledge ? _____

Who are Texas Master Gardeners?

Master Gardeners are members of the local community who take an active interest in their lawns, trees, shrubs, flowers and gardens. They are enthusiastic, willing to learn and help others, and able to communicate with diverse groups of people.

What really sets Master Gardeners apart from other home gardeners is their special training in horticulture. In exchange for their training, persons who become Master Gardeners contribute time as volunteers working through their cooperative Extension office to provide horticultural related information to their communities.

Is the Master Gardener Program for Me?

To help you decide if you should apply to be a Master Gardener, ask yourself:

- ! Do I want to learn more about the culture and maintenance of many types of plants?
- ! Am I eager to participate in a practical and intense training program?
- ! Do I look forward to sharing my knowledge with my community?

If you answered **yes** to these questions the Master Gardener Program could be for you. Contact the Montgomery County Master Gardener Association at 9020 FM 1484, Conroe, Texas 77303, 936. 539. 7824.

Training

If accepted into the Master Gardener Program in Montgomery County, you will attend a Master Gardener training course. Classes are taught by Texas Cooperative Extension specialists, staff, and local experts.

The program offers a minimum of 60 hours of instruction that covers topics including lawn care, ornamental trees and shrubs, insects, diseases, and weed management, soils and plant nutrition, vegetable gardening, home fruit production; flowers, and water conservation. Check with the Montgomery County Extension office for dates and times.

Volunteer Commitment

In exchange for training, participants are asked to volunteer to their County Extension Program. At least 60 hours of volunteer service within one year following the training

is required to earn the title of "Texas Master Gardener".

The type of service done by Master Gardeners varies according to community needs and the abilities and interests of the Master Gardeners. Some Master Gardeners answer telephone requests for information related to gardening. Others may speak to local groups, conduct workshops, may help establish community garden projects or may work with 4-H youth. The County Extension office works with volunteers to help decide how their time can best be utilized.

Master Gardeners are representative of Texas Cooperative Extension. In all volunteer work related to the program, Master Gardeners follow the research based recommendations of Texas Cooperative Extension. The title, "Texas Master Gardener" can be used by volunteers only when engaged in Extension sponsored activities.

Certification

Participants become certified Master Gardeners after they have completed the training course and fulfilled their volunteer commitment.

Then you might be interested in becoming a Master Gardener !