Important Information
(Please Read)

Master Gardener Volunteer training is a program to train volunteers in horticulture (gardening) practices who will then assist UW-Extension in sharing horticulture information with the public. Master Gardener Volunteer training is NOT a basic gardening class. Participants must be 18 years of age or older. No previous experience is necessary (but some experience gardening is helpful).

Each session is intended to increase your knowledge base of horticulture topics and provide methods on how to find reliable information when posed a horticulture question. Sessions will be a mixture of interactive training, discussions, small group tasks, guest speakers, and hands-on activities and skill development.

What are the certification requirements?
• Attending 12 of the 13 sessions
• Volunteering 24 hours of relevant community service
• Completed background check prior to class start & signed volunteer agreement
• Pass written exam (open book, take home)

What are some volunteer possibilities?
You are limited only by your imagination and time, but keep in mind projects need to have an educational component. An example would be working with youth or community gardens. Other ideas include writing short garden articles for the local newspaper or Master Gardener Volunteer newsletter, coordinating educational events, and community beautification projects IF there is some form of education going on (i.e. creating plant labels for vegetation being installed).

What does the fee cover?
What you are paying for is the instructional materials utilized during the training. The instruction is repaid by the volunteer hours you perform during or after course completion.

MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Fall 2017

September 5 – November 14
6:00 – 8:00 pm

UW – Barron County
1800 College Drive
Rice Lake, WI

For more information . . . contact
Barron County UWEX
715-537-6250
Website: http://barron.uwex.edu

University of Wisconsin, U. S. Department of Agriculture and Wisconsin counties cooperating.

UW-Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming including Title IX and ADA requirements. To ensure equal access, please make requests for reasonable accommodations as soon as possible prior to the scheduled program.
Registration Form
2017 Master Gardener Volunteer Training

Please make check payable to Barron County UW-Extension.
Mail to:
Master Gardener Program
Barron County UW-Extension
335 E. Monroe Avenue
Room 2206
Barron, WI 54812

Name(s):___________________________

Address:____________________________
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Phone:__________________ __(day)
____________________   ___ (evening)

Email: ________________________

Registration Fee:
Individual .........................$125

Amount Enclosed: ......................$________

Upon UW-Extension receipt of this form, you will be sent a registration packet. You will need to fill out those forms prior to the first session. One of the steps in the registration process is a form that is sent to the State MGV Coordinator to allow a conduction of a criminal background check, as required by the USDA for involvement in any UW-Extension volunteer programming.

Level I Master Gardener Volunteer Training 2017

Being a Master Gardener is about becoming a VOLUNTEER with the University of Wisconsin-Extension to help educate the public about gardening and natural resources. It’s not about knowing everything about gardening. It’s about learning to ask the right questions and knowing how to look up information from appropriate resources. Being a Master Gardener is about helping deliver meaningful community programs to improve the well-being of individuals and communities, to protect natural resources, and to help keep fresh fruits and vegetables on the table. It’s about working in tandem with UW-Extension staff and other volunteers to make a difference in the places we live, learn, and work.

Registration needs to be returned to the UW-Extension office by August 23, but the class may be filled prior to that date, so return your form as soon as possible.

Master Gardener Volunteers assist their local university extension educators address identified community needs, such as:

- Increasing food security
- Creating safe greenspaces
- Beautification projects in downtowns and parks
- Garden therapy programs with seniors to maintain their physical and mental health
- School garden programs to promote science awareness in kids
- Display gardens to protect pollinators, combat invasives, and encourage gardening
- Answering gardening questions, using the internet in addition to the phone and face-to-face
- Facilitate gardening projects at schools, libraries, and other public community sites
- Use gardening to teach life skills to the incarcerated