

## WHAT AM I EXPECTED TO DO AFTER COMPLETION OF THE EDUCATION CLASSES?

Master Gardener Interns volunteer 40 hours of their time to become a certified Master Gardener.

To maintain certification as a Master Gardener, volunteers are required to volunteer a minimum of 40 hours and complete at least 15 hours of continuing education annually.

### APPLICATION PROCESS

**Applications are made available only at Master Gardener informational meetings.**

These meetings are designed to inform the public about the qualifications necessary to be accepted into the internship program.

Master Gardener Intern applicants **must attend** one of these meetings:

#### **November 15, 2024 at 6:30 PM**

Nebraska Extension in Douglas-Sarpy Counties Central Office, 8015 West Center Road, Omaha.\*

#### **November 16, 2024 at 9:30 AM**

Sump Memorial Library  
222 N. Jefferson Street  
Papillion, 68046\*

Applicants will be interviewed at a later date.

Fifteen to twenty applicants are selected annually to intern in the Douglas-Sarpy County Master Gardener Program.

Visit the Nebraska Extension in Douglas-Sarpy Counties web site at:  
<https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/douglas-sarpy/master-gardener/>

*\*Subject to change. Check the website for current info*

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## Thank you for your interest in the Master Gardener Program!

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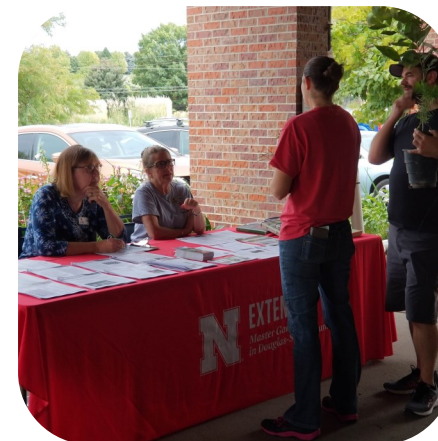
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# 2025

## Extension Master Gardener Program



## Douglas-Sarpy Counties

## Is the Master Gardener Volunteer Program for you?

### Master Gardeners

- Are volunteers of Nebraska Extension.
- Improve the efficiency of the Extension Service and allow educators to develop proactive programs.
- Extend practical applications of university-based research on gardening in Nebraska.
- Learn and share principles and practices of environmental horticulture.
- Volunteer to promote environmental awareness to a broad level.
- Serve as ambassadors of goodwill for the county and Nebraska Extension.



### Last Year, Nebraska Extension Master Gardeners of Douglas-Sarpy Counties:

- Staffed the horticulture helpline at the Extension office 5 days a week and answered over 14,000 lawn and garden questions.
- Designed and maintained 15 community garden demonstration projects.
- Staffed numerous “Ask the Master Gardener” tables.
- Spoke to many local civic groups about home gardening.
- Raised vegetables for the local food bank in our HOPE Garden project.

**Ideal applicants are committed to volunteering and able to communicate horticulture knowledge with diverse people in Douglas-Sarpy Counties.**

### Qualifications:

- At least 18 years of age.
- Available to spend time volunteering, attending classes, and participating in field trips.
- Love gardening and have a desire to learn and practice environmentally-friendly horticulture methods and share this information with others.
- Eager to learn horticulture by actively participating in an intensive 48 hour 8-week training program in February and March, and a plant clinic in June.



### **TRAINING and CERTIFICATION**

If accepted into the Master Gardener program you will receive 48 hours of horticulture education. The core areas include:

- Botany, entomology, plant pathology, soils, weeds, and landscape design.
- Cultural methods of growing garden vegetables, fruit crops, trees, perennials, turfgrass, and shrubs.
- Disease, insect, and vertebrate pest control using IPM methods.
- Proper pesticide management.

Classes are held every Friday in February and March.

For \$225\*, interns will receive 48 hours of instruction, Master Gardener Handbook, a name badge, t-shirt and a monthly MG newsletter.

*\* Subject to change, and financial assistance is available.*

