



Becoming a Texas Master Gardener for Denton County

The Denton County Master Gardener Association (DCMGA) is a volunteer program under the guidance of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. As Master Gardeners, our mission is to educate and engage county residents in the implementation of research-based horticultural and environmental practices that create sustainable gardens, landscapes, and communities.

If you love gardening and sharing knowledge with others, Denton County Master Gardener Association offers the opportunity to become trained in science-based horticultural practices and serve the community through education and fun service projects. You will work with people from all walks of life who share your passion!

What's Required? We seek out individuals with a passion for learning about sustainable gardening techniques and a desire to share that knowledge with individuals and groups in our community. To become a certified Texas Master Gardener for Denton County, first year Interns must complete a three-month training program that involves 78 virtual classroom hours of education from some of the best horticultural educators Texas has to offer. In addition, Interns must contribute a minimum of 70 hours volunteer service on approved projects and events. Thereafter, graduated Denton County Master Gardeners must complete 12 hours of continuing education and 12 hours of voluntary service per year to maintain their Texas Master Gardener certification status.

2021 Class Schedule & Cost: Classes are held for 4 hours each Tuesday beginning at 9:00 AM from January 26 through April 27, 2021. May 4 is held as a potential make-up day in the event any class has to be postponed or canceled. Tuition is \$200 which covers a training manual, badge, t-shirt, soil test, graduation costs and other training expenses. Volunteer opportunities run through the year with a focus on spring and early summer activities. Many projects are during the week and include school-age and adult groups; large events typically occur on weekends. Our website's "Denton County Master Gardener Projects" has more information on current projects (www.dcmga.com).

How to Apply as a Candidate: Online applications for the 2021 Training Program are available on our website (www.dcmga.com). Applications are accepted through October 23, 2021. We will accept a maximum of 30 final candidates for the Class of 2021. Candidates will be notified if they are accepted into the program no later than December 7, 2021.

Annual Informational Meeting: Please join us October 20 from 10 AM to 12:00 PM as veteran Master Gardeners provide detailed information about our program, training and volunteer requirements, active projects, and so much more! More information about how to register for this the event will be on our website soon, www.dcmga.com; click on “Become a Master Gardener.”

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