

## Master Gardener Volunteer Public “Plant Clinic”

Beginning in the spring of 1994, Extension, Manitowoc County Master Gardener Volunteers have implemented a public plant clinic. There are Master Gardener Volunteers available to answer questions on general gardening plant diseases, insect and weed problems, soil samples, as well as a wealth of other topics.

Master Gardeners receive horticulture training from the Division of Extension UW-Madison specialists and faculty and local experts. In return for their training, Master Gardeners assist their local County Extension office in educational programs and horticulture projects that enhance the community.

### For More Information:

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# Manitowoc County Master Gardeners

Sharing a love of gardening with our community



## Master Gardener Volunteer Program-What Is It?

Master Gardener Volunteers are trained workers who aid University of Wisconsin Extension staff in helping communities better understand horticulture. The national program was introduced to Wisconsin in 1977.

The Master Gardener Volunteer training began in Manitowoc County September, 1994.

The goal of the program is to educate and encourage volunteers to help the public with their horticulture inquires.

## Benefits of Becoming A Master Gardener

- Increase your knowledge of gardening and horticulture
- Help your community a better place to live by encouraging successful gardening practices.
- Meet many interesting people and form new friendships with people who share a love for gardening
- Keep current on the latest trends in gardening through workshops, conferences and presentations

## Who Can Join?

Any individual (age 18 or older) or business can participate in the Master Gardener Volunteer Program. No Previous experience or training is necessary.

## What Will You Do As A Master Gardener Volunteer?

In exchange for the hours of training receive, you are asked to volunteer an equivalent number of hours to the program by sharing your expertise with friends, relatives, neighbors, youth, customers, and your community. And continue to volunteer 24 hours a year.

Participate in Master Gardener Volunteer sponsored events including:

- Horticulture Classes
- Monthly Meetings
- Helping Extension, Manitowoc County Office Customers
- Manitowoc Lincoln Park Zoo
- Community Programs
- Plant Clinic
- Riverview Outdoor Learning
- Expo – Gardens
- Co-Sponsor with the Extension Garden Expo
- Mariners Trail
- Woodland Dunes and Much More!

## How to Become Certified Master Gardener

To become certified, you must attend a designated training session, pass a final exam, fulfill a volunteer commitment to your community, pass a background check, and pay annual dues.

You will then receive a diploma and a Master Gardener Volunteer name tag at the annual awards banquet. Once certified, you can only use your Master Gardener Volunteer title when you are involved in an Extension, Manitowoc County project. Be sure to wear your name tag at all Master Gardener activities.

## Ready to get involved?

The Master Gardener Volunteers can be contacted at the Extension, Manitowoc County office by calling 920-683-4169.

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