

Cooperative Extension Service

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Welcome!

Thank you for your interest in the 2023 Franklin/Woodford County Extension Master Gardener Program, which is a volunteer horticultural training program.

The first training session will begin on Thursday, August 24th from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Woodford County Extension office (859-873-4601). Training sessions will continue for 15 consecutive Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., with the final training being held on November 30th. The first half of the training sessions will be at the Woodford County Extension Office and the second half of sessions will be held at the Franklin County Extension Office.

The Master Gardener Program provides nearly sixty hours of training sessions held in a classroom setting with instruction led by regional extension horticulture agents, local industry professionals, and extension specialists from the University of Kentucky and Kentucky State University.

Topics covered in the program include:

- Basic botany, entomology and plant pathology
- Growing better lawns with less effort, while preserving the environment
- Understanding how soils affect plant performance
- Proper care and maintenance of plants
- Fruit, flower and vegetable gardening
- Composting and organic gardening
- Identifying, selecting, planting, and maintaining landscape trees and shrubs
- Diagnosing plant problems

Upon completion of the training sessions, participants become certified master gardeners **only after they fulfill forty (40) hours of volunteer service** from a variety of horticultural activities that fit the time and interest of the participant. As program providers, we pride ourselves on presenting factual, university research-based recommendations. We encourage participants to improve the beauty and quality of their community environment by using this information as volunteers.

The specifics of the Master Gardener Class that you are applying for are:

Location: Woodford County Extension Office
184 Beasley Road, Versailles KY40383
Telephone (859) 873-4601

Dates & Times: Thursdays, 9:00 – Noon, August 24, 31; September 7, 14, 21, 28; October 5



Location: Franklin County Extension Office
101 Lakeview Court, Frankfort, KY 40601
Telephone (502) 695-9035

Dates & Times: Thursdays, 9:00 – Noon, October 12, 19, 26; November 2, 9, 16, 30; December 7, 14

Class Fee: \$125 (due upon acceptance to the program),
Payable by check, cash, or credit card(\$129.53) to:
Franklin County Extension Service

Cancellation Policy: Full refund through Friday, September 1st, 2023.
No refunds after Friday, September 1st, 2023.

Registration Deadline: Friday, July 28th, 2023

If you wish to apply for the upcoming Master Gardener Class, please fill out and return the entire Volunteer Registration Packet by July 28th in order to ensure your place in the class! We can only accept a limited number of applicants, and we do normally have to turn people away who wait too long to register.

A completed Master Gardener application MUST contain all COMPLETED forms in the packet.

Send all registration materials to:
Franklin County Extension Office
101 Lakeview Ct, Frankfort, KY 40601
Phone: (502) 695-9035

Woodford County Extension Office
184 Beasley Dr, Versailles, KY 40383
Phone: (859) 873-4601

Email: Franklin.ext@uky.edu

For questions or more details on the class, please contact Adam Leonberger (502) 695-9035, adam.leonberger@uky.edu

Thank you for your interest in the Franklin/Woodford County Master Gardener Volunteer Training Program. We hope to see you in the class on the 24th of August!

Sincerely,



Adam Leonberger
Franklin County Extension Agents for Horticulture

Enclosures:

2023 Franklin/Woodford Extension Master Gardener Class Schedule
2023 Franklin/Woodford Extension Master Gardener Application

Master Gardener Class Schedule 2023

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Topic:</u>	<u>Readings:</u>
In Woodford County:		
August 24	Program Orientation	Introduction
August 31	Botany	Chapter 1 & 3
September 7	Soils & Composting	Chapter 4 & 5
September 14	Plant diseases and diagnostics	Chapters 6 & 7
September 21	Entomology	Chapter 8
September 28	IPM, Pesticides, Pesticide Safety	Chapters 9 & 10
October 5	Water Quality	Chapter 11
In Franklin County:		
October 12	Woody Plants & Pruning	Chapter 12
October 19	Perennials, Annuals, and Bulbs	Chapter 13
October 26	Turf	Chapter 15
November 2	Fruit	Chapter 16
November 9	Landscape Design	Chapter 17
November 16	Organic gardening	Chapter 18
November 23	**No Class - Holiday**	
November 30	Vegetables	Chapters 22
December 7	Final Exam (open book)	
December 14	Class Completion and Holiday Party (evening)	

Class time is 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, unless otherwise noted or announced. Classes will be held at the Franklin & Woodford County Extension Offices.

For any questions: Woodford Co. Office (859) 873-4601; Franklin Co. Office (502) 695-9035;
Adam Leonberger, Horticulture Agent Cell (502) 695-9035, adam.leonberger@uky.edu

Class attendance is mandatory. Please let Adam know in advance about any special needs, absences, or tardies. Make up days can be scheduled with Adam. Additional 'help' and 'catch up' sessions will be scheduled as needed and will not be mandatory.

Kentucky Extension Master Gardener

VOLUNTEER POSITION DESCRIPTION

- Kentucky Horticulture Program
- Kentucky Cooperative Extension
- The University of Kentucky College of Agriculture

POSITION TITLE:

- Extension Master Gardener

TIME REQUIRED / DURATION OF APPOINTMENT:

- 20 hours of volunteer service and 10 hours of educational training over a one-year time frame (40 hours are required the first year upon completion of the training).

LOCATION:

- Various locations in Woodford, Anderson, & Franklin County

GENERAL PURPOSE:

- To facilitate programs of the Woodford, Anderson, & Franklin County Cooperative Extension Service and provide research-based information in order to protect and enhance horticulture in the community.

SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Provide leadership and volunteerism to further advance horticulture in Woodford, Anderson, & Franklin County.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Must complete the Volunteer Application process and be approved by the Client Protection Risk Committee.
- Commitment to the educational and volunteerism components of the Master Gardener Program.

BENEFITS:

- This program provides over forty-five hours of instruction by area horticulture agents, local industry professionals, and experts from the University of Kentucky & Kentucky State University.
- Fruit, flower and vegetable gardening, composting, organic gardening, tree and shrub selection and planting, landscape design, and diagnosing plant problems are discussed.

SALARY:

- Unsalaries; volunteer.

MENTOR / SUPERVISING PROFESSIONAL:

Adam Leonberger
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Signature of Volunteer

Signature of Extension Professional

Date

Date



Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Application Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service

The Extension Master Gardeners (EMG) Program is a volunteer management and outreach program of the Cooperative Extension Service.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Name _____
(FIRST) (MIDDLE) (LAST)

E-mail _____

Phone: Primary _____ Mobile _____

Other _____ Work _____

Mailing Address _____
(STREET, BOX, ROUTE, APT #) (CITY) (STATE) (ZIP)

Residential Address (If different from above): _____
(Street, Box, Route, Apt#) (City) (State) (Zip)

Hispanic Ethnicity:(optional, check one): Hispanic or Latino Not Hispanic or Latino

Racial Groups: (optional, check all that apply): White Black or African American
 American Indian or Alaskan Native Asian
 Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

Gender: Female Male Other

Occupation:_____Employer:_____

Previous Volunteer Experience (LIST CURRENT OR MOST RECENT EXPERIENCE FIRST)

ORGANIZATION	VOLUNTEER ROLE	YEAR(S)

Do you have any special needs? If yes, please describe:

What is your interest or experience in horticulture (gardening)?

