

HISTORY



The first Master Gardener program was started in 1972 in Washington state. In New Jersey, Bergen County was the first to offer the program in 1984. Since then, thousands of Master Gardeners have been trained throughout the state and given hundreds of thousands of volunteer hours in service to the residents of New Jersey.

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* Counties with Master Gardener Programs

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Rutgers Master Gardeners are trained volunteers who assist Rutgers Cooperative Extension in delivering horticulture programs and information to the general public. Anyone with an interest in gardening and a commitment to volunteer service can become a Master Gardener. No previous education or training in horticulture is necessary.



What Kind of Training Do Master Gardeners Receive?

Master Gardeners receive in-depth training in horticulture from Rutgers University faculty and professional staff. There is a fee to cover material and program costs. (Scholarships are available.) As part of the training, Master Gardeners are required to volunteer a certain number of hours, working in their community in programs sponsored by Rutgers Cooperative Extension. Successful graduates of the training become Certified Master Gardeners after they complete their volunteer service. Many choose to continue as active Master Gardener volunteers working with their local Extension office.

What Kind of Things Do Master Gardeners Do?

Master Gardeners work as volunteers in a variety of areas, including

- Gardening demonstrations
- Rutgers Master Gardener Helpline & Plant Clinics
- Horticultural therapy
- Staffing information booths at county fairs and other public events
- Research assistance at Rutgers University
- Harvesting & packing crops for food banks
- Community and youth gardening

