

Application for 2026 Master Gardener Training

Master Gardener training is based on a wealth of educational materials developed by the Virginia Cooperative Extension of Virginia Tech. It is organized by the Washington County Extension Service and Washington County Virginia Master Gardeners. The training consists of 50 hours of classroom instruction. To become a Master Gardener also requires 50 hours of volunteer time working on any of our education and community service projects. In accordance with the requirements of Virginia Tech, a basic background check will be performed on all class participants prior to this participation.

Classes will be held from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Monday evenings, beginning January 26, 2026 at the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center in Abingdon, I-81 exit 14. Classes run until early May.

The price of the class is \$125, which includes a copy of the *Master Gardener Handbook*.

Two people may register for \$225 if they share one handbook. Maximum class size is 30. Registration ends January 16, 2026

MAKE YOUR CHECK payable to Wash. Co. Master Gardeners and mail with your application to:

Washington County Virginia Master Gardeners

234 West Valley Street, Suite B, Abingdon, VA 24210 Questions: wcmgrdn@gmail.com 276-676-6309

Name _____ Date _____

Mailing Address _____

Preferred contact # _____ e-mail _____

1. How did you hear about the Master Gardener program?

2. While no specific experience is required, tell us about your gardening/horticulture experience?

3. What is/has been your biggest gardening challenge?

4. Describe any specific topics you hope to learn about:

5. How interested are you in becoming a Master Gardener to serve the community through our volunteer projects?

Virginia Cooperative Extension programs are open to all, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, handicap, or political affiliation.

If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services, or other accommodations to participate in this program, please contact the Washington County Extension Office at 276-676-6309 during business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., to discuss accommodation