

Working at the Campus Community Garden at UNC-Chapel Hill.

Is the Master Gardener Program a good fit for you?

- Want to share gardening knowledge with others?
- Want to learn more about flowers, vegetables, lawns and gardens?
- Want to meet other gardeners?
- Are you available to attend training sessions and become an ongoing volunteer?

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Master GardenerSM Program Orange County





The Master Gardener program began in the Seattle area in 1973. It was developed to meet the needs of local gardeners for guidance on best gardening practices. The program was so successful that it now operates in all 50 states.

The Orange County Master Gardener volunteer program (OCMG) is administered through the county Cooperative Extension Office. The North Carolina Cooperative Extension program is run by N.C. State University and N.C. A&T University.

In exchange for training by horticultural science professionals, Master Gardener volunteers give back to the community by volunteering on various projects to help people learn about plants and good gardening practices.

Master Gardener Training

The research-based training covers lawns, landscape plants, fruits, vegetables, plant problem management and environment stewardship. Classes focus on our local climates and growing conditions.

Training takes place every other September, with three-hour classes meeting weekly over 14 weeks.

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Gardening with kids at Glenwood Elementary School in Chapel Hill.



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Volunteer Opportunities

- Diagnosing weed, insect and disease problems.
- Staffing plant clinics, farmers' markets and educational exhibits.
- Creating community gardens.
- Lecturing on gardening topics.
- Working with children and schools to create school gardens.
- Teaching garden skills.
- Working with civic and nonprofit organizations.
- Community seed exchange.