

Dear Gardening Enthusiast,

Thank you for your interest in the Purdue Extension Master Gardener (EMG) Program. Past participants indicated the class was a great experience. We hope you'll count it a valuable and fulfilling life experience as well.

### Financial Cost

The cost of the class for an individual is \$175. Couples in the same household sharing a manual attend for \$270. This fee covers supplies, classroom expenses, name badges, and the manual (over 600 pages!).

### Volunteer Requirement

Volunteer hours are part of the expectation to become a Master Gardener. Volunteer hours focus on educational plant-related projects that teach others, thereby fulfilling the Master Gardener motto of "Helping Others Grow." Those who take the class and pass the final exam are considered 'interns' until 40 volunteer hours have been completed within two years.

### Schedule

The orientation class is Wed. September 4, from 1–4 p.m. After orientation, regular classes will be held *Monday* afternoons, beginning Sep. 9, from 1- 4 p.m. (see enclosed *preliminary schedule*).

Classes will be held at the Noble County South Complex (2090 N State Rd. 9, Albion) for the Sep. 4 - Oct. 14 dates and in Whitley County (Columbia City) for the Oct. 21 - Dec. 9 dates.



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MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM

- **By August 21:**
  - Read the *Purdue Master Gardener Program Policy Guide*: [extension.purdue.edu/extmedia/mg/mg-5-w.pdf](http://extension.purdue.edu/extmedia/mg/mg-5-w.pdf)
  - Submit the *Volunteer Application and Agreement* form: [extension.purdue.edu/county/whitley/docs/emg-1-volunteer-application-and-agreement.pdf](http://extension.purdue.edu/county/whitley/docs/emg-1-volunteer-application-and-agreement.pdf)
- **By Aug. 28:**
  - Once a preliminary screening is complete, you will receive the enrollment link and instructions.
  - Enroll and pay online through "Cvent." Payment via credit card is preferred, but a check may be sent to Purdue to arrive prior to Aug. 28 (details explained in the online enrollment).
- **Sept. 4:** Orientation class in Albion

We welcome questions and look forward to helping you become an Extension Master Gardener!

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