

2025 Extension Master Gardener (EMG) Basic Training Noble and Whitley Counties – Preliminary Schedule

Monday evenings 6:00 – 9:00 pm

Noble County (first half) and Whitley County (second half) locations. Schedule subject to change.

Date	Topic(s)	Reading	Location
Noble County Location			
Sep. 8	Purdue EMG Orientation / Pre-test / Soil Sampling Ann Kline & John Woodmansee	MG Program Policy Guide (MG-5-W)	Noble
Sep. 15	Soils and Plant Nutrition – Ann Kline	Ch. 2, 6; pp. 62-63	Noble
Sep. 22	Vegetable Gardening – Dennis Parr Composting/Vermicomposting – Kaitlyn Sprouls	Ch. 7, 13	Noble
Sep. 29	Insect Identification & Control – Bill Horan Invasive Insects	Ch. 18 Ch. 25 (<i>insect info</i>)	Noble
Oct. 6	Weed Identification & Control – Ann Kline Invasive Plants – Cecilie Keenan	Ch. 20, 26; pp. 188-193	Noble
Oct. 13	Pesticide Safety & Pesticide Alternatives – Ann Kline	Ch. 23, 24	Noble
Oct. 20	Herbaceous Ornamentals (annuals/perennials) – Elysia Rodgers Lawn Care – Geoff Schortgen	Ch. 5, 9, 12 Ch. 11	Noble
Whitley County Location(s)*			
Oct. 27	Plant Science – John Woodmansee	Ch. 1,3	Whitley
Nov. 3	Plant Disease Diagnosis – John Woodmansee	Ch. 15, 16, 17, 21, 22 Ch. 25 (<i>disease info</i>)	Whitley
Nov. 10	Animal Pests (and Animal Friends) – Jeff Burbrink	Ch. 19	Whitley
Nov. 17	Woody Ornamentals (trees and shrubs) – John Woodmansee	Ch. 10	Whitley
Nov. 24*	Fruit Gardening (focus on tree fruits; some sm. fruits) – Rick Meyer	Ch. 14	Whitley
Dec. 1	Herbs – Bridgett Johnson Garden Math – John Woodmansee	pp. 360-361 pp. 151-159	Whitley
Dec. 8	Post-test, Evaluation & Final Exam		Whitley
Dec. 15**	Exam Review/Volunteering/Now What? - Ann Kline & John Woodmansee Connect with current Extension Master Gardeners.		Whitley

NOBLE COUNTY:

Meeting Location: Noble County Extension Office, 109 N. York St., Albion, IN, 46701

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WHITLEY COUNTY:

Meeting Locations (tentative): Purdue Extension - Whitley County Ag Museum and/or Whitley County 4-H Center on Whitley Co. Fairgrounds, 680 W. Squawbuck Rd., Columbia City, IN

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