

2026 Extension Master Gardener (EMG) Basic Training Allen and Whitley Counties – Schedule

Monday evenings 6:00 – 9:00 pm

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic(s)</u>	<u>Reading</u>	<u>Location</u>
<i>Allen County Location</i>			
Sep. 14	Purdue EMG Orientation / Soil Sampling Cora Hill & John Woodmansee	MG Program Policy Guide (MG-5-W)	Allen
Sep. 21	Soils and Plant Nutrition – Ann Kline	Ch. 2, 6; pp. 62-63	Allen
Sep. 28	Vegetable Gardening – Dennis Parr Composting/Vermicomposting – Cora Hill	Ch. 7, 13	Allen
Oct. 5	Insect Identification & Control – Bill Horan Invasive Insects	Ch. 18 Ch. 25 (<i>insect info</i>)	Allen
Oct. 12	Weed Identification & Control – Cora Hill Invasive Plants – Cecilie Keenan	Ch. 20, 26; pp. 188-193	Allen
Oct. 19	Pesticide Safety & Pesticide Alternatives – James Wolff	Ch. 23, 24	Allen
Oct. 26	Herbaceous Ornamentals (annuals/perennials) – Cora Hill	Ch. 5, 9, 12	Allen
<i>Whitley County Location(s)*</i>			
Nov. 2	Plant Science – John Woodmansee	Ch. 1,3	Whitley
Nov. 9	Plant Disease Diagnosis – John Woodmansee	Ch. 15, 16, 17, 21, 22 Ch. 25 (<i>disease info</i>)	Whitley
Nov. 16	Animal Pests (and Animal Friends) – Jeff Burbrink	Ch. 19	Whitley
Nov. 23	Woody Ornamentals (trees and shrubs) – John Woodmansee	Ch. 10	Whitley
Nov. 30	Fruit Gardening (focus on tree fruits; some sm. fruits) – Rick Meyer	Ch. 14	Whitley
Dec. 7	Lawn Care – Geoff Schortgen Herbs – Bridgett Johnson	Ch. 11 pp. 360-361 pp. 151-159	Whitley
Dec. 14	Evaluation & Final Exam		Whitley
Dec. 21	Exam Review/Volunteering/Now What? – Cora Hill & John Woodmansee Connect with current Extension Master Gardeners.		Whitley

ALLEN COUNTY:

Meeting Location: Allen County Extension Office, 4001 Crescent Ave Fort Wayne, IN 46815

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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 (one other location tba)

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