

Dear Gardening Enthusiast,

Thank you for your interest in the **Purdue Extension Master Gardener (EMG) Program**. Past participants indicated this was a great experience; we hope you'll count it a valuable and fulfilling life experience as well. To apply, see items under "Please Plan Ahead" below.

**The cost of the 2022 Basic Training class for an individual is \$175.** Couples in the same household sharing the Master Gardener manual may attend for \$270. (*Note that during the registration process, the first registration will appear as \$175, with the sharing individual attending for an additional \$95, for a total of \$270*). This fee covers supplies, classroom expenses, and name badges. You will receive valuable resources, including a Master Gardener student manual (over 600 pages).

Tuition takes the form of volunteer hours rather than dollars. Volunteer hours focus on *projects with an educational focus and on teaching others*. Those who take the class and pass the final exam are considered 'interns' until 40 volunteer hours have been completed within two years.

The orientation class for Purdue Extension's 2022 Master Gardener Basic Training for Noble and Whitley counties will be Tuesday, September 6, from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. After orientation, regular classes will be held *Monday* evenings, beginning Sept. 12, from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. (see enclosed *preliminary schedule*). Classes for the bi-county training will be held alternatively each week at the Purdue Extension office in Whitley County (Columbia City), and at the Purdue Extension office in Noble County (Albion). See schedule for addresses.

Please plan ahead! Complete tasks *prior* to deadlines if possible.

- **By August 22:** Read "*Purdue Master Gardener Program Policy Guide*." Fill out and submit the "*Volunteer Application and Agreement*" form. Submittal is not complete until your identity is verified, so please submit in person, if possible, so that we can check your driver's license.
- **By Aug. 29:** Once a preliminary screening is complete and you are accepted into the program you will receive enrollment instructions. Enroll and pay through an online system called "Cvent." Payment via credit card is highly preferred; alternatively, a check may be sent to Purdue University to arrive prior to Aug. 29 (details explained in online enrollment).
- **Sept. 6:** Orientation class



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

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**Enclosures:** 2022 Preliminary Basic Training Schedule  
Purdue Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Application and Agreement (Form EMG-1)  
Purdue Master Gardener Program Policy Guide (MG-5-W)