

May 16, 2024

Dear Potential Purdue Extension Master Gardener Training Participant,

The next local Purdue Extension Master Gardener (EMG) Training will start in Scottsburg on Thursday, August 29, 2024.

The Purdue EMG Basic Training is offered through weekly in-person training sessions at the Train Depot (90 N. Main St., Scottsburg, IN 47170). All sessions are on Thursday evenings, August 29 – December 5, 2024 (no session on November 28), from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. ET, with the Final Exam on December 12. While schedule changes, sickness, etc. happen, participants are expected to attend all sessions. Educational materials can be picked up before the next week's session if an absence occurs. Participants must pass an open-book final exam with a minimum 70% score to become an EMG Intern. EMG Interns must complete 40 hours of volunteer work to become an active EMG volunteer. To maintain active status, EMG volunteers complete an additional 12 hours of volunteer work and 6 hours of educational training annually.

The Purdue EMG Training fee is \$190/person, which includes the print version of the Purdue EMG Manual. For an additional \$25.00, participants will also receive the digital version of the manual. If two people from the same household want to share the print version of the Purdue EMG Manual, the total fee is \$290.00.

Enclosed in this packet is the Purdue Publication HO-184 that explains more about the EMG Training. To begin the EMG Training registration process, participants complete the enclosed EMG-1 form and submit it to the Extension office. While at the Extension office, a staff member must view a government issued photo ID. After reviewing the application, an Extension staff member will perform a required background check. When at least 10 EMG-1 forms are submitted by Thursday, August 1, 2024, an email with the link to register and pay the training fee online through the Purdue Education Store via Cvent will be sent.

I am excited you are interested in the upcoming Purdue EMG Training in Scott County! Please contact me with questions or concerns at dhowellw@purdue.edu or 812-883-4601.

Sincerely,



Danielle L. Walker
Ag. & Natural Resources Educator

Purdue Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Application and Agreement (Form EMG-1)

When you sign this Purdue EMG Volunteer Application and Agreement you confirm that you agree to follow all policies concerning the use of the Purdue EMG title. You also confirm that you have read and agree to follow all policies stated in the Purdue EMG Program Policy Guide (www.hort.purdue.edu/mg).

In order to be considered for participation in the Purdue EMG Basic Training or to continue volunteering as a Purdue EMG volunteer, please read and sign the current agreement, and return it to your Extension Master Gardener county coordinator.

Please print or type

Date of Birth ____/____/____

Full Name _____

Alias/Maiden Name _____

Address _____ Apt. _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Cell Phone _____ Email _____

County of Purdue EMG Basic Training _____

County of Purdue EMG Service _____

Do you require reasonable accommodations to participate in this program? Yes ____ No ____

If yes, please explain.

Emergency Contact Information (required)

Name _____ Telephone _____

Relationship _____

Have you been convicted of a crime (excluding minor traffic violations)? ____ Yes ____ No

If yes, give date, nature of offense and disposition.

NOTE: A criminal record will not necessarily disqualify an applicant; it will be considered relative to the specifics of the position.

Why do you want to become a Purdue EMG volunteer? _____

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Please share your prior volunteer experience:

Organization	Volunteer Role	City/State	Years

Please indicate your education, experience, skills and interests that might relate to the Purdue EMG Program:

Provisions of the Agreement to Participate in the Purdue Extension Master Gardener Program

Please read the statements below. By signing this form, you agree to all the statements below.

- **Use of Title.** I understand that the title "Purdue Extension Master Gardener" is to be used exclusively in the Purdue EMG Program. Purdue EMGs are expected to identify themselves as such only when engaged in unpaid public service approved by Purdue Extension. Appearing in a commercial activity, endorsing commercial products, or implying Purdue University endorsement of any product or place of business are inappropriate and violate the policies of the Purdue EMG Program.
- **Understanding Policies.** I have read the Purdue EMG Program Policy Guide (www.hort.purdue.edu/mg) and agree to follow all policies regarding participation in the program.
- **Age Certification.** I am 18 years or older.
- **Registry Checks.** I consent to annual registry checks via the Dru Sjodin National Sex Offender Registry and Indiana Sex Offender Registry as explained in the Purdue EMG Program Policy Guide.
- **Identity Verification.** I agree to provide evidence of a government-issued photo ID verifying my identity.
- **Behavioral Expectations.** I agree to abide by the adult behavioral expectations for Purdue EMGs explained in the Purdue EMG Program Policy Guide.
- **Pest Recommendations.** I agree to make recommendations to the public according to the Purdue EMG pest information policy outlined in the Purdue EMG Program Policy Guide.
- **Liability Release.** I understand that participating in the Purdue EMG Program can involve certain risks to me. I accept those risks. I hereby discharge Purdue University, the Trustees of Purdue University, the county commissioners, the Purdue Extension county office, and each of their trustees, officers, appointees, agents, employees, and volunteers ("Released Parties") from all claims that I might have for any injury or harm including death, arising out of my participation in any activity related to the Purdue EMG Program, even if such injury or harm is caused by the negligence or fault of any of the Released Parties. I do not, however, release these individuals and entities from liability for intentional, willful, or wanton acts and this release shall not be construed to include such acts.
- **First Aid.** I give permission for Purdue EMG Program and its representatives, and emergency personnel to make necessary first aid decisions if I am injured or fall ill while participating in Purdue EMG Program activities. I shall be financially responsible for the cost of any medical treatment.
- **Photo Release.** I grant permission for the Purdue EMG program to use videos or photographs of me for educational purposes or promotion of the Purdue EMG program and/or Purdue Extension programs.
- **Vehicle Use.** I certify that I comply with all requirements established by the Purdue University Use of Vehicles for University Business policy explained at <https://www.purdue.edu/policies/facilities-safety/iva1.html>

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- **Volunteer Service.** I agree to contribute at least 40 hours of volunteer service within two years of completing Purdue EMG Basic Training. I also understand that in order to continue my certification as a Purdue EMG I must contribute at least 12 hours of volunteer service and 6 hours of educational training approved by my EMG county coordinator each subsequent year. I agree to report volunteer activity and educational training hours to the EMG county coordinator at least once per year using a reporting method approved by the EMG county coordinator.
- **County Coordinator.** I understand that the Purdue Extension educator serving as the Master Gardener county coordinator for the county where I volunteer as a Purdue EMG is the coordinator and advisor for the Purdue EMG Program in that county and for my involvement in the program.
- **Notification of Changes.** I will contact the Purdue EMG county coordinator or Purdue EMG state coordinator if changes in my life occur that cause me to be ineligible to serve as a Purdue EMG volunteer.

Applicant's Signature _____

Applicant's Printed Name _____ Date _____

Purdue Extension Office Use Only

National Sex Offender Registry Check — Date Completed _____

Purdue Extension Office Staffer Completing Check _____

Indiana Sex Offender Registry Check — Date Completed _____

Purdue Extension Office Staffer Completing Check _____

Verification of Photo ID — Date Completed _____

Purdue Extension Office Staffer Completing Verification _____

**Purdue Extension
Master Gardener
(EMG)
Training Class for the
fall of 2024.**

Washington County ANR Educator, Danielle Walker and Scott County ANR Educator, Tom Springstun are offering the Purdue EMG Basic Training through weekly in-person sessions.

- All required core topic training sessions will be held on Thursdays, August 29 – December 5, 2024 (no meeting on November 28), from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. ET, and Final Exam is December 12.
- Classes will be held at the Train Depot, 90 N Main Street, Scottsburg, IN 47170

The fee for the training is \$190.00/person which includes the print version of the Purdue EMG Manual, and for an additional \$25.00 participants will also receive the digital version of the manual. If two people from the same household want to share a print version of the Purdue EMG Manual, the total cost will be \$290.00. Registrants will be sent a link to pay once application is screened.

If interested, please email Walker by
August 1, 2024 at dhowellw@purdue.edu



As a Purdue Master Gardener, you:

- Study horticultural plants and their pests
- Improve gardening skills
- Teach others
- Enhance your community
- Have fun!

Get trained and help others grow
where you live.

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Become a Purdue Master Gardener



“Helping Others Grow”

Become Part of the Purdue Extension Network

The Purdue Master Gardener Program makes the latest information about gardening and home horticulture available to people like you — individuals with a deep interest in gardening.

Purdue Master Gardener Volunteers help others grow by sharing what they learn and by leading educational gardening activities in their communities.

The Master Gardener Program model began in 1972 in Seattle, Washington, in response to public demand for home gardening information. Indiana's program started in 1978 with four counties: Allen, Lake, Marion, and Vanderburgh. Currently, many Indiana counties offer the Purdue Master Gardener Program.



Gain Gardening Knowledge and Skills

As part of the program, you'll attend 12 to 18 weeks of classes. Each class lasts three to four hours.

You'll learn more about:

- Plant science
- Plant nutrition
- Soil science
- Pest identification, diagnosis, and control for:
 - Animals
 - Insects
 - Plant Diseases
 - Weeds
- Pesticide safety and pesticide alternatives
- Care of specific plant types:
 - Home lawns
 - Herbaceous ornamentals
 - Vegetables
 - Woody ornamentals

In addition, you may learn about:

- Home fruit production
- Indoor gardening
- Landscape design
- Yard waste management

Get Trained, Have Fun, and Get Certified

After the training classes, you will take an exam. If you score 70 percent or higher, you will become a Master Gardener Intern.

To be certified a Master Gardener, you must also volunteer for at least 35 hours within two years of completing training. To remain active, Purdue Master Gardeners must continue to volunteer at least 12 hours a year and earn six hours of approved training each year.

Visit Your Purdue Extension Office to Learn More!

Get trained as a Purdue Master Gardener through the Purdue Extension office in your county. To learn more, visit:

www.hort.purdue.edu/mg

Or, you may contact the state coordinator's office to determine which Purdue Extension office offers the Purdue Master Gardener program near you:

(765) 494-1296

purduemg@purdue.edu

The Cost

You'll pay \$100-\$200 for materials and expenses.

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