

# 2024 Extension Master Gardener (EMG) Basic Training Noble and Whitley Counties – Preliminary Schedule

Monday\* afternoons 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Noble County (first half) and Whitley County (second half) locations.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic(s)</u>	<u>Reading</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sep. 4* <b>(Wednesday)</b>	Purdue EMG Orientation / Pre-test / Soil Sampling Ann Kline & John Woodmansee	MG Program Policy Guide (MG-5-W)	Noble
Sep. 9 <b>(Mondays)</b>	Soils and Plant Nutrition – Ann Kline	Ch. 2, 6; pp. 62-63	Noble
Sep. 16	Vegetable Gardening – Dennis Parr Composting – Ann Kline	Ch. 7, 13	Noble
Sep. 23	Insect Identification & Control – Bill Horan	Ch. 18 Ch. 25 ( <i>insect info</i> )	Noble
Sept. 30	Weed Identification & Control – Ann Kline Invasive Species – Cecilie Keenan	Ch. 20, 26; pp. 188-193	Noble
Oct. 7	Pesticide Safety & Pesticide Alternatives – Ann Kline	Ch. 23, 24	Noble
Oct. 14	Herbaceous Ornamentals (annuals/perennials) – Reba Wicker Lawn Care – Geoff Schortgen	Ch. 5, 9, 12 Ch. 11	Noble
<b>***Switch to Whitley County Location***</b>			
Oct. 21	Plant Science – John Woodmansee	Ch. 1,3	Whitley
Oct. 28	Plant Disease Diagnosis – John Woodmansee	Ch. 15, 16, 17, 21, 22 Ch. 25 ( <i>disease info</i> )	Whitley
Nov. 4	Animal Pests (and Animal Friends) – Jeff Burbrink	Ch. 19	Whitley
Nov. 11	Woody Ornamentals (trees and shrubs) – John Woodmansee	Ch. 10	Whitley
Nov. 18**	Fruit Gardening (focus on tree fruits; some sm. fruits) – Rick Meyer <b>** (Location may be Ag Museum at Whitley Co. Fairgrounds)</b>	Ch. 14	Whitley
Nov. 25	Herbs – Bridgett Johnson Garden Math – John Woodmansee	pp. 360-361 pp. 151-159	Whitley
Dec. 2	Post-test, Evaluation & Final Exam		Whitley
Dec. 9***	Exam Review/Volunteering/Now What? Connect with current Extension Master Gardeners.		Whitley

\*Orientation is on a Wednesday morning, not a Monday morning, due to Labor Day.

\*\*Note location change for this single class. We need more room for fruit tree cuttings for this class. See the address below.

\*\*\*We anticipate this class to be held in one location, with representatives from Noble County (and possibly other counties for outside attendees) coming to Whitley County for discussions.

## NOBLE COUNTY:

Meeting Location: Noble County South Complex, 2090 N. State Road 9, Albion, IN, 46701

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## WHITLEY COUNTY:

Meeting Locations: Purdue Extension - Whitley County, 524 Branch Court, Columbia City, IN, 46725 (most classes)

Whitley County Ag Museum on Whitley Co. Fairgrounds, 680 W. Squawbuck Rd., Columbia City, IN (Nov. 18)

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