

# Become A Master Gardener

**MASTER GARDENERS** are volunteers who assist their local Cooperative Extension Offices in educating the public in general gardening practices as well as the proper use of pesticides and fertilizers. To become a Master Gardener, an individual must complete 50 hours of horticulture instruction and return an equal number of hours (50) as a Master Gardener volunteer.

## In-Person Course

September 4 – November 14, 2018  
Tuesdays and Thursdays + 3 Saturdays  
9 a.m. until 12 noon  
VT/UVA HR Center  
(2nd floor, Wells Fargo Building)  
600 Thimble Shoals Blvd.,  
Suite 210, Newport News, Va



## Hybrid Training Class

August 15 – November 14, 2018  
Lessons On-Line + Wednesday evening  
sessions + 3 Saturdays  
Yorktown Library  
8500 George Washington Memorial Hwy,  
Yorktown, Va.

**Course Fee: \$150**

**(\$75 for an additional household member; handbook not included)**

Fees associated with this course will cover handbook, other materials, and background check\*.

NOTE: Course workload (both versions) is equivalent to 50-60 hours + preparation time.

**Application Deadline August 1, 2018**

Contact your local VCE office for an application.

**Classes cover topics from basic botany, propagation, lawns, insects, diseases, soils, pruning and so much more!**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT BECOMING A MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEER:**

❖ **Virginia Cooperative Extension Offices** ❖

HAMPTON (757) 727-1401  
YORK/POQUOSON (757) 890-4940

NEWPORT NEWS (757) 591-4838  
GLOUCESTER County (804) 693-2602

**\*Background check fee of \$10 is non-refundable**

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## *What is a Master Gardener?*

*Master Gardeners are a unique group of volunteers trained by Virginia Cooperative Extension to provide an effective network of educational gardening programs and activities to enhance their communities.*

**UNIQUE**—The Master Gardener program is designed to meet the needs of the citizens.

**VOLUNTEERS**—Master Gardeners are a cross section of Americans with something in common—a desire to share their knowledge and skills with their communities free of charge.

**TRAINED**—Master Gardeners are trained through Cooperative Extension, receiving up-to-date, accurate information based on research.

**NETWORK**—Master Gardeners link citizens to the National Land Grant College system which includes Virginia Polytechnic & State University and Virginia State University.

**GARDENING PROGRAM AND ACTIVITIES**—Master Gardeners work with communities, political leaders, and commercial firms to present programs in all aspects of gardening. Areas include: landscape, vegetables, grounds management, flowers, urban forestry, house plants, insects, disease, fruit crops, and herbs.

**ENHANCE THEIR COMMUNITIES**—Master Gardeners believe that by working together they can make the community a better place to live. Through Virginia Cooperative Extension programming they reach out to community groups to help solve their problems.