



WHO ARE THE MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEERS?

Master Gardener Volunteers are educators of the horticultural arts and sciences. With training from UF/IFAS Extension, Master Gardener Volunteers are active in their communities, offering leadership and guidance in gardening projects of all types and sizes.

The Florida Master Gardener Volunteer Program has been around since 1979, and each year, approximately 4,700 Master Gardener Volunteers contribute a total of 365,000 hours of service, helping to make their communities better informed, more sustainable and more beautiful.



MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEER PUBLIC SERVICE CENTERS

Call to confirm before visiting a center, as hours and days are subject to change.

C.B. Smith Park
Campground Office
900 N. Flamingo Rd.
Pembroke Pines 33028
954-357-5170

Central Broward Regional
Park & Stadium
Field House, Second Floor
3700 N.W. 11th Place
Lauderhill 33311
954-357-5400

UF/IFAS Extension
Education
Broward County Office
3245 College Ave
Davie, FL 33314

Hillsboro Pineland Natural
Area
Park Office
5591 N.W. 74th Place
Coconut Creek 33073
954-357-5100

Tradewinds Park & Stables
Park Office - (South Side
of Park)
3600 W. Sample Rd.
Coconut Creek 33073
954-357-8870



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CONTACT US!

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For more information on the Master Gardener Volunteer Program, scan the QR code below.



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MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEER PROGRAM



WHAT DO MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEERS DO?

- Provide science-based recommendations on best practices regarding fertilizing, mulching, and cutting of trees, shrubs, and turf
- Answer home-owner questions regarding "What's wrong with my plant?" via email or phone message

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- Assist in the identification of common garden pests, known plants, and plant efficiencies and diseases, either by a physical specimen or by a photograph sent via email
- Recommend plants, shrubs, and trees to comply with Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ principles as well as those that will attract desirable animals and insects
- Assist organizations such as schools, libraries, and nursing homes in the design of gardens as well as provide basic training on planting and care



WHAT DO MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEERS LEARN?

By the end of the training, participants will be knowledgeable in:

- Florida Friendly Landscaping™ principles
- Florida Friendly wildflower, butterfly, vegetable, and container gardening; vegetation types, urban forestry, and climate change principles
- Plant selection, Ecology and Nutrition
- Weed, insect and disease identification and management
- Mulching, composting, and recycling of yard waste
- Water Conservation, including rain barrels

Florida-Friendly
Landscaping™ PROGRAM



MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Course consists of but is not limited to:

- More than 130 hours of classroom and field training
- Classes led by program staff, county agents, and University of Florida professors
- 75 community service hours, 40 of which are completed with a mentor at one of our many public service centers
- 35 service hours per year after first certification
- Resource materials, including identification books, gardening guides, and a personal hand lens
- Online research of science-based answers to questions from the community

REGISTRATION AND COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- Passing of a background check per Broward County volunteer requirements
- Successful completion of 15-sessions training course classroom, lab, and fieldwork over 15 weeks
- Completion of 75 preapproved volunteer hours with at least 40 done at one of the Master Gardener Public Service Centers
- \$475 course fee (\$275 for registration, books, and supplies, and a \$200 good-faith deposit refundable upon completion of 75 preapproved volunteer hours)

