Where to Begin

- The desire to help others is the first and absolute requirement. A personal commitment to complete the training and to serve the required volunteer service hours is equally important.

- Enrollment is limited and selection is highly competitive, so call today and learn how you can become a Florida Master Gardener Volunteer by contacting Dr. Pat Williams, Director at the Wakulla County Extension Office at (850) 926-3931.

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Is the Master Gardener Volunteer Program for you?

To help you decide, ask yourself the following questions:

♦ Do I want to learn more about plants, how they grow, and gardening?
♦ Am I eager to participate in a practical and intensive training program?
♦ Do I look forward to sharing my knowledge with people in my community?
♦ Do I have enough time to attend the training and to complete my volunteer commitment?

If you answered YES to these questions, the Florida Master Gardener Volunteer Program could be for you.

What is the Master Gardener Volunteer Program?

♦ Since 1979, the Florida Master Gardener Volunteer Program has provided gardeners with extensive education in home horticultural principles.
♦ Participants who complete the program are certified as Master Gardener Volunteers by the University of Florida Extension Service.
♦ In return for the satisfactory completion of the horticultural training program, Master Gardener Volunteers are required to volunteer 75 hours within the first year following their training.
♦ Working with the Extension Agent, Master Gardener Volunteers provide volunteer leadership and service to their community in gardening activities.
♦ As a Master Gardener Volunteer you will work with the Extension program and have the opportunity to participate in organized volunteer activities. This service could include answering gardening questions, conducting plant clinics, beautifying the community, and other activities which promote environmentally-friendly horticultural practices.

Many Master Gardener Volunteers far exceed the required 75 hours, some giving over 200 hours per year.

Continued Master Gardener Volunteer Training

The learning process never ends for Master Gardener Volunteers! Continued training is offered annually by the University of Florida to keep Master Gardener Volunteers up-to-date on the latest horticultural information. Many counties provide specialized educational opportunities throughout the year.