Meet other passionate gardeners!
Learn from horticulture experts!
Share what you learn with your community!

Serve Your Community as a Mississippi Master Gardener

- Volunteer for 20 hours annually after your first year.
- Answer local horticulture questions.
- Plant demonstration gardens that educate the public.
- Work with scientists on research projects.
- Participate in community beautification efforts.
- Teach 4-H'ers or other community children about gardening.

“Mississippi Master Gardeners got me gardening again with salad tables after the doctors told me I couldn’t get out in the dirt anymore. Now I’m able to get out, plant plants, work in the dirt, pick my vegetables, and enjoy the meal.”

JIM MURRAY
HATTIESBURG

“Being a Master Gardener is so satisfying and so rewarding. The sharing and companionship with others is the most important part of the program. Helping people by sharing plants and flowers makes them feel better.”

BETTY HOLLAND
CALHOUN CITY

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“The Master Gardener program is so much fun. It combines sharing knowledge and making new friends with common interests.”

PEGGY RODER
OXFORD

BECOME A
Mississippi Master Gardener

Learn, share, and grow when you volunteer with the Mississippi State University Extension Service’s popular certification program!

How to become a certified Mississippi Master Gardener:

1. Contact your local Extension office.
2. Complete the required training hours.
3. Agree to complete 40 hours of volunteer service.
4. Complete your service hours.
5. Receive your Mississippi Master Gardener certification.
6. Share your expertise in horticulture with the community!

Maintain your certification annually!
Participate in 12 approved education hours.
Complete at least 20 volunteer service hours.
Improve people’s quality of life by sharing good gardening information!

You’ll learn about a variety of gardening topics:

- BOTANY
- SOILS
- VEGETABLES
- ORNAMENTAL PLANTS
- INSECTS
- PLANT DISEASES
- LAWN CARE
- INVASIVE PLANTS
- PLANT PROPAGATION
- FRUITS AND NUTS
- WEED CONTROL