



Permian Basin Master Gardener Volunteer Application



Applications will be accepted starting on August 15th, 2024, and stay open until January 3rd, 2025
OR until the trainees' slots are filled.

Please read the application carefully when filling it out and before submitting it.

The Texas Master Gardener Program is an educational and volunteer program conducted by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service (a.k.a. AgriLife). The program is designed to increase the availability of research-based horticultural information through horticultural projects, events, and other activities statewide. These goals are implemented through the training and use of local volunteers known as Master Gardeners (MG). The MG program provides valuable training and educational opportunities for persons seeking up-to-date horticultural information. Participants can advance their gardening expertise and gain personal satisfaction through volunteer efforts. The volunteer aspect of the MG program allows individuals to dedicate their time and talents to enhancing the quality of life for citizens in their community using the science and art of horticulture.

Trainees should be interested in horticulture and understand and support the educational objectives and volunteer service requirements of the Texas Extension Master Gardener program.

Instructions for submitting application:

- Application: Complete the application online or you can also download the application and mail it with your payment.
- Fee: An application fee of \$250 is required when applying.
 - Make checks or money orders payable to Permian Basin Master Gardener.
 - Refund: Request a full refund by December 20th, 2024. The refund request should be made in writing to Sara Moran at sara.moran@ag.tamu.edu. No refunds on or after December 21st, 2024.
- The application fee should be submitted in person or by mail to
 - Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service
Attn: Sara Moran
2445 E. Highway 80
Midland, TX 79706

Important: The Application is complete when the application form and payment of \$250 has been received.

Program Requirements

There are three categories of Program Requirements: Attendance, Testing, and Volunteer Service. Trainees must meet the requirements of these categories to graduate and become Permian Basin Master Gardeners.

Attendance. Classes will be conducted weekly on Saturdays from 9:00 am – 12:30 pm. The first class will start on Saturday, January 11th, 2025, at the Midland County Extension office at 2445 E Hwy 80, Midland, TX 79706. The last day of class will be on Saturday, April 26th, 2025. Note:

- Some classes will be online. Trainees should be able to attend/watch the videos on an electronic device (desktop, laptop, tablet, etc.)
- Classes will cover different horticulture-related topics: Landscape, water, soil, insects, weed management, plant diagnostic, and others.

Testing. Weekly quizzes based on the lectures will be given after each class. Trainees must take and pass all quizzes. A score of 70% is considered passing. Trainees can use their notes and other resources while taking the quiz.

Volunteer Service: A minimum of 60 hours of approved volunteer service is required during the training year.

Volunteer activities are available through the Permian Basin Master Gardener program.

- **Note:** A background check is required on all applicants participating in the Texas Master Gardener program as a volunteer. The agent will provide instruction on how and where to obtain your background check. You will receive this information after the first day of class.

Applicant Information

All fields are required. If a field does not apply, please type N/A or none.

Name (Print Clearly) _____

Street Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____ County _____

E-mail _____

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

If employed, what is your profession. _____

If retired, what was your profession. _____

Have you applied for Master Gardener training before? Yes _____ No _____

If so, when? _____

When are you most likely available to volunteer?

Mornings ___ Afternoons ___ Evenings ___ Weekends ___

Please indicate any areas of horticulture specialization or interest you may have (For example: tree care, vegetable growing, greenhouses, landscape design, etc.)

Please list group affiliations with garden clubs, plant societies, nature groups etc.

Volunteer experiences you have participated in

___ Educational (schools, daycare, churches, etc.)

___ Health care field (senior centers, hospitals, etc.)

___ Military

___ Other _____

Why do you want to become a Master Gardener?

How did you find out about the Permian Basin Master Gardener Program?

Friend ___TV ___Radio ___Newspaper ___Flyer ___Newsletter ___

Other (please explain) _____

I agree to the terms of this Application and verify that the information I provided is correct. I have read and understand all the information in this application form.

Printed Name _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____

For more information or have any question, please contact the Midland County Extension office at 432.686.4700 or email Sara Moran, horticulture agent at sara.moran@ag.tamu.edu

Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service, or accommodation to participate in this program are encouraged to contact Sara Moran in Midland County at 432.686.4700.

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