



TEXAS MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM PLANNED

Thank you for your interest in the Anderson County Master Gardener program. ***Please read this letter carefully, complete and sign the enclosed application and return it to the address at the bottom of the application form by January 2, 2020. All applications must be returned to Anderson County Extension Office.***

Master Gardener Program is designed by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service a part of Texas A&M University System. The office of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Anderson County will sponsor the Anderson County Master Gardener Program.

The following information will help you better understand the functions and requirements of the Texas Master Gardener program.

The Master Gardener Program is a volunteer development program offered by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. This program is designed to increase the availability of horticultural information and improve the quality of life through horticultural projects. Program objectives are implemented through the training and "employing" local volunteers, known as Master Gardeners. They aid Extension by conducting school garden projects, answering telephone requests for horticultural information, establishing and maintaining demonstration gardens, working with special audiences in the community, and designing and implementing community improvement projects as well as coordinating Master Gardener projects. The program offers a minimum of seventy (70) hours of instruction that covers topics including lawn care, ornamental trees and shrubs, insects, disease and weed management, soils and plant nutrition, vegetable gardening, home fruit production, garden flowers and water conservation and also will include field trips. ***You must devote a minimum of fifty (50) hours of Master Gardener volunteer services in Anderson County, twenty (20) of those hours have to be in the Extension Office answering Horticulture questions.*** Some of these hours may be in the field of your choice, while some may be assigned according to the needs of the community and the Extension Horticulture program. You have up to twelve (12) months to complete Volunteer Service.

Persons that are interested in the Master Gardener Program are ask to fill out an application. The registration fee for the Texas Master Gardener course is \$160.00, this fee covers the Master Gardener Handbook and other reference materials. Orientation for Master Gardener trainees begins at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, January 13th and the 1st class will be Tuesday, January 14th at the Anderson County Extension Office. After the first class and orientation all other classes will start at 8:30 a.m. and end at 12:00 p.m. Some of the classes may not end at 12:00 p.m. There will be three or four out town field days. There will also be 3 classes conducted in Tyler, Texas. All applications must be returned to the Anderson County Extension Office no later than January 2, 2020. All applicants should attend the meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Truman Lamb".

Truman Lamb, CEA - Ag/NR

**Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service
Anderson County
Application for Master Gardener**

Please read and sign the following agreement:

By applying to be accepted into the Master Gardener training Program offered by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service, I am able and willing to commit to the following:

1. Can you attend instruction sessions every Tuesday and Thursday (8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., some of the classes may last longer) January 13th to April 7th, 2020.
2. Pass an examination on the instruction received.
3. Perform within one year at least 50 hours of community volunteer work which includes at least 20 hours in the Anderson County Extension Office answering horticultural questions from the public.

I understand I will become a certified Master Gardener only after completion of all of the above.

Name (print): _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: (Day) _____ (Cell) _____

E-mail: _____

Signature: _____

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Place of current employment _____

If retired, what was your profession? _____

Can you attend instruction sessions every Tuesday and Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.,
January 13th through April 7th, 2020? _____

Number of years living in Anderson County? _____ East Texas? _____

Type of gardening experience and related training. _____

Present or previous affiliations with horticultural or plant societies or garden clubs

Present or previous involvements and length of service as a volunteer _____

Some activities may involve public speaking. Are you comfortable speaking before a
group? _____

What special talents or skills do you have e.g.: computer, photography, typing, art,
public speaking, teaching, working with youth, other? _____

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Please write a short paragraph explaining why you want to be a Master Gardener.

Please complete and return, with \$160.00 fee to:

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service
101 E. Oak Street
Palestine Texas 75801

(Make checks payable to: Program Development Fund)

Questions? Call 903-723-3735