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Are you interesting in learning more about gardening while helping out other gardeners in the community? The Idaho Master Gardener Program serves as an educational and volunteer organization. The program's purpose is to provide technical assistance and information in the area of home horticulture to people in all Idaho communities through qualified volunteers. Idaho Master Gardener volunteers answer home gardening questions, help create and maintain a demonstration garden, introduce children to gardening, and assist in other educational gardening projects. Anyone with an interest in horticulture can apply for the Idaho Master Gardener Program.



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Training

The training portion of the program will begin in February and run through April. Classes are taught by University of Idaho Extension professionals and experts from the community. Through the Idaho Master Gardener training sessions, you will become knowledgeable in a wide array of horticultural subjects. Class topics include:

- · Basic Botany
- · Soils and Fertilization
- · Plant Propagation
- · Weeds
- · Fruit Trees
- · Small Fruits
- · Vegetable Production
- · Organic Gardening
- · Ornamental Plants
- · Turfgrass Management
- · Basic Entomology
- Insect Management
- · Plant Diseases
- And More!

The training is scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays from end of January through mid-April. Each class will run from 9:00am—noon. We will be exploring offering an online option for those interested.

Volunteer Commitment

After completing 30 hours of educational training, an additional minimum of 30 hours of practicum/hands-on training and directed volunteer service must be completed. The type of hands-on training is based on a mutual decision between the supervising UI Extension educator and the Idaho Master Gardener trainee. Part of the volunteer hours are spent in the Extension office plant clinics assisting homeowners with their gardening questions. The other volunteer hours can be spent on a variety of educational gardening projects.

Cost

There is a \$110.00 fee to cover supplies and reference materials which become part of your personal library.



If you are interested in improving your own skills while sharing your knowledge with others we would love to have you join the Idaho Master Gardeners "Helping People Grow."





