BECOME A SHAWNEE COUNTY EXTENSION MASTER GARDENER

Extension Master Gardener Programs train volunteers in the science and art of gardening. The prerequisites are a desire to learn and the willingness to use the acquired knowledge and skills to teach our community members.

Responsibilities:

Training Year
• Complete a 40 hour training course through K-State Research and Extension.

Year Following Training
• Serve 20 hours answering home gardening questions on our Response Line.
• Volunteer an additional 20 hours through any of our 30 committees, projects and work.
• Attend a minimum of 4 membership meetings.
• Complete 6 units of approved advanced training.

Ongoing Annual Obligations
• Volunteer 25 hours through any of our 30 committee’s projects and work.
• Attend a minimum of 4 membership meetings annually.
• Complete 6 units of approved advanced training each year.

Volunteer Opportunities:
• Garden in one of our eight demonstration gardens (Backyard, Native Plant, Perennial Plant, Prairie Star Prairie Bloom, Sensory, Vegetable, Woodland, Xeriscape).
• Grow annuals, vegetables and herbs in the Master Gardener Greenhouse.
• Promote environmental awareness and stewardship.
• Present educational programs to youth and adults in the form of library and school programs, hands-on demonstrations, Farmer’s Market outreach and more!

How to Apply:
• Applications are available online or in the Extension Office the first week of July and are due in August.
• Applicants attend an orientation and pre-acceptance interview in late August.
• Classes begin in September.

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