

Tallapoosa County Master Gardener Projects:

- Tallapoosa County Courthouse — Dadeville
- Girls Ranch — Camp Hill
- Lighthouse — Alexander City
- Keebler Park — Dadeville
- Annual Compost & Mulch Sale
- Raised Beds School Projects — Dadeville, Alexander City
- Fern & Plant Sale
- Cooking With Herbs Demonstration
- MG Exhibit Displays — Alex City Farmers Market, Union Community Fall Festival, Auburn University AG Day
- Gardening Therapy for Cancer Survivors
- Master Gardener Hotline
- Fall Gardening Extravaganza



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Alabama Master Gardener Volunteer Program



What is the Master Gardener Program?

The Alabama Master Gardener Volunteer Program is an educational program offered through county offices of the Alabama Cooperative Extension System.

Through this program, individuals are trained and certified in horticulture and related areas. These individuals, in turn, volunteer their expertise and services to help others through horticultural projects that benefit the community.

The Master Gardener Program trains volunteers, who work through Extension, to bring the latest horticultural information and practices from the world of research to their communities' landscapes and gardens. Through the Master Gardener program, thousands of people in the United States and Canada have been trained as volunteers.



What does the Master Gardener Program provide?

The Alabama Master Gardener training program provides more than 50 hours of classroom and hands-on instruction in horticulture and related areas. The classes provide home gardeners with the information they need to become skilled Master Gardeners.

Classes in the training program include:

Composting	Plant Propagation
Home Lawns	Fruits, Vegetables
Botany	Entomology
Weed Science	Pesticides
Ornamentals	Soils, Plant Nutrition
Plant Diseases	Herbs, Bedding Plants
Understanding & Caring for Trees	Wildlife & Animal Control

Courses are taught by Specialists from Auburn University and Alabama A & M University, Extension agents from the Alabama Cooperative Extension System, local specialists, and veteran Master Gardeners.



What does the Master Gardener Program require?

In exchange for the training, participants are obligated to return an equal amount of volunteer service time on projects that benefit their communities. These projects can range from working on community horticultural projects, to helping answer questions through the county Extension office, to conducting garden club programs.



When and where is the Master Gardener training course offered?

The Master Gardener training program is most often taught during a 10- to 12-week period in the fall or winter. A minimal registration fee, which varies from county to county, is charged to cover the cost of the training manual and supplies.