

# How To Become A Hanover Extension Master Gardener

## 1. Apply, interview and be accepted into the Master Gardener Training Program:

- ✓ Attend the Open House
- ✓ Complete the online application
- ✓ Provide references and undergo a Background check
- ✓ Have an Informational Interview to learn more about the program
- ✓ Pay your fees after accepted

## 2. Complete the training course as a **TRAINEE** (~60 hours):

- Basic botany
- Soils and nutrient management
- Plant propagation
- Pruning
- Basic entomology (insects)
- Plant disease diagnosis
- Pesticide use
- Vegetables
- Lawns and lawn weeds
- Trees and shrubs
- Annuals / perennials / bulbs
- Water quality
- Animals and wildlife
- Native plants and habitat gardening
- Pollination

Speakers are experts in their fields.

Hands-on exercises are part of some classes.

Passing an open-book exam and giving a presentation are required.

**Arrangements must be made for missed classes.**

**Attendance at each session is highly encouraged.**

## 3. Complete 50 hours of educational volunteer service as an **INTERN**

by volunteering in Hanover APPROVED PROJECTS that focus on **PUBLIC EDUCATION**.

Internship hours completed within 12 months of finishing the classroom portion.

## 4. After Internship, you are certified as an **EXTENSION MASTER GARDENER (EMG)**.

Maintain EMG status by completing a minimum of 20 hours of volunteer service and eight hours of approved Continuing Education annually per calendar year.

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