

Comparison of the "Master Gardener Training Program" and "Gardening 101"

MG Training Program

- * For experienced gardeners who want to learn more about the recent discoveries, trends and best practices in gardening in preparation for becoming a volunteer gardening educator.
- * Expectation of volunteer contribution of time and gardening expertise in support of the educational mission of the VA Extension Master Gardener Program.
- * Leads to fellowship in a vibrant community of teaching/learning gardeners.
- * Class meeting – 3 hours each on Tuesday and Thursday mornings - January through April.
- * 50 hours class + 50 hours internship.
- * Application period: September 1 - October 31st

Gardening 101

- * For new and experienced gardeners who want to learn more about the recent discoveries, trends and best practices in gardening and an opportunity to meet other aspiring gardeners.
- * No obligations following completion of the class, but you can expect to receive event announcements from GPMGA from time to time.
- * Class meeting – two hours from 6:00-8:00pm - once a week on Tuesdays for ten consecutive weeks beginning in January.
- * Registration – November 1 until class is full.

Expand your Gardening Knowledge and Meet Other Gardeners

If you or someone you know is looking for a gardening class, we are pleased to offer two options for you to consider:

- **Extension Master Gardener Training** - with follow-up volunteer engagement.
- **Gardening 101** - with no after-class expectation.

The next sessions of both classes will begin on January 13, 2026. The above chart provides a comparison of opportunities and expectations of the two classes.

Both classes cover a wide range of gardening subjects and are open on a space available basis. You can find application forms at www.gpmga.org during the registration periods, or you can contact Rebecca Crow at (804) 598-7015 or gpmastergardener@gmail.com to get on the list of people who will be notified when it's time to register.

Registration for the MG Training Program is open now, and the **Gardening 101 registration** will begin November 1st. We hope you will consider joining us.