

## Application Requirements

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**To apply for the UC Master Gardeners of Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties Training Class, you must:**

- Reside in Santa Cruz, Monterey or San Benito County.
- Attend an information session, as listed on the [mbmg.ucanr.edu](http://mbmg.ucanr.edu) website.
- Submit a class application and participate in a selection interview.
- Be willing and able to share your gardening knowledge with others.

**Once accepted to the program, selected applicants must:**

- Pay a one-time class materials fee of \$350.
- Pass a fingerprint background check.
- Attend the 15 weeks of classes with **no more than one absence**.
- Complete all class assignments and successfully pass a final exam.

**SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE**

Visit our website at [mbmg.ucanr.edu](http://mbmg.ucanr.edu)

## 2024 Schedule & Class Topics

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### 2024 Class Schedule

**When:** January - May 2024

Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**Where:** UC Cooperative Extension in Salinas, Santa Cruz TBD

Training classes are offered every two years. The comprehensive training program prepares students to be a UC Master Gardener volunteer.

Class topics include:

- Basic botany
- Soil science
- Water management
- Entomology
- Plant pathology
- Integrated pest management
- Composting
- Vegetable gardening
- Woody landscape plants
- Fruit tree culture
- Diagnosing plant problems

For more information, please visit [mbmg.ucanr.edu](http://mbmg.ucanr.edu) or email [classmanagement@ucmgmb.org](mailto:classmanagement@ucmgmb.org)

**Application deadline is  
September 30, 2023.**

## Volunteer Commitment

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Being a UC Master Gardener requires a commitment to community service. Master Gardeners agree to participate in approved Master Gardener projects and to continue their horticultural education.

**To maintain Master Gardener status, volunteers must complete:**

- 50 hours of volunteer work on approved educational programs during the first year as a Master Gardener.
- 25 hours of volunteer work each year thereafter.
- 12 hours of continuing education in horticulture each year.



## About the Program

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The UC Master Gardener program is a public outreach program of the University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE).

UC Master Gardener volunteers serve as a link between UC research and home gardeners, providing practical, science-based information on sustainable gardening practices.

With programs based in more than 50 California counties and 6,300 active members, UC Master Gardener volunteers educate the public through:

- Demonstration gardens
- Classes and workshops
- Social media
- Free diagnostic hotlines
- Educational events
- Public information booths

**To learn more about the programs of the UC Master Gardeners of Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties, please visit [mbmg.ucanr.edu](http://mbmg.ucanr.edu)**

## Our Mission Statement

To extend research-based knowledge and information on home horticulture, pest management, and sustainable landscape practices to California residents.



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**UC Master Gardeners of  
Monterey and Santa Cruz  
Counties**

**Become a Master  
Gardener:**

**Training Class  
Information**



Accepting applications beginning  
**August 1** at [mbmg.ucanr.edu](http://mbmg.ucanr.edu) for  
the January - May 2024 class

