



Are you a gardening enthusiast?

Do you want to learn more about evidence-based gardening best practices?

Do you enjoy sharing your gardening knowledge with others?

If so, the UC Master Gardener Program may be a good fit for you!

UC Master Gardeners of Santa Barbara County will be launching its next training class in January 2025.
Application Deadline is September 1, 2024.
Online Information Sessions will be held in July and August.
Please read below to learn more about our mission, organization and training class.

Who we are:

Since 1980, the UC Master Gardener Program has been extending research-based information about home horticulture and pest management to the public. The UC Master Gardener Program is a public service and outreach program under the [University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources](#).

The Santa Barbara County Master Gardener organization is administered by the UC Cooperative Extension of Santa Barbara County. We are a group of 70+ garden lovers who provide outreach programs throughout the county. These programs include:

- Public Presentations
- Helpline and information desks
- Community, school and demonstration garden support



UC Master Gardeners of Santa Barbara County Present:

<p>March 4, 2024</p>  <p>FREE Zoom Garden Talk Edible Landscape 7:00PM – 8:00 PM</p>	<p>April 6, 2024</p>  <p>FREE In-Person Garden Workshop Protect Your Plants 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Mesa Harmony Garden</p>	<p>May 4, 2024</p>  <p>FREE In-Person Garden Workshop Vermicomposting 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Mesa Harmony Garden</p>
<p>March 9-30, 2024</p>  <p>4-Week In-Person Class Victory Vegetable Garden 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM Buellton Community Garden</p>	<p>April 8, 2024</p>  <p>FREE Zoom Garden Talk Growing Avocados 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM</p>	<p>May 6, 2024</p>  <p>FREE Zoom Garden Talk Barn Owls & Integrated Pest Management 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM</p>
<p>March 17, 2024</p>  <p>FREE Presentation Soil Preparation 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Santa Barbara Public Library</p>	<p>More Information & Registration at: www.UCANR.edu/sbmg</p>  	



Training Class Overview	Master Gardener Commitments
<p>Course overview: 18-week course Approximately 70-hour commitment Proposed start: January 11, 2025 Proposed end: May 31, 2025</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> In-person sessions about three times per month on Saturdays, typically 9am – Noon. Locations throughout Santa Barbara County. Weekly reading and/or lecture. Lectures primarily pre-recorded, though some will be live via Zoom. <p>Lectures and in-person sessions led by UC and local experts. Proposed topics include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Horticulture Soil and fertilizer management Water management Pest control (IPM) Entomology Plant pathology and plant problem diagnosis Weed management Vertebrate pests Common garden plants: vegetables, citrus, avocado, roses, berries, grapes Native plants 	<p>As a master gardener, you are required to volunteer hours in support of our mission. In addition, you will be required to complete continuing education to stay current on the latest research and best practices.</p> <p>First year commitment: 50 volunteer hours On-going commitment: 25 volunteer hours, 12 continuing education hours</p> <p>The mission of UC Master Gardeners is to provide research-based information about home horticulture and pest management to the public.</p> <p>Public outreach is therefore a primary objective of our organization. But if direct engagement with the public is not your thing, there are lots of ways to support our mission. Opportunities include research and presentation development, website maintenance, internal and external communications, helpline support, and continuing education development.</p>

If you are interested in becoming a UC Master Gardener of Santa Barbara County, please complete [this form](#).

We will add you to our communications. You will be invited to attend one of our online information sessions to be schedule in July and August.