

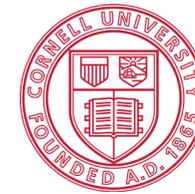


Cornell Cooperative Extension Rockland County

About Us:

Cooperative Extension was created in 1914 by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to “extend” the research from the land-grant university in each state to the people of that state. Today we are one of 57 county Cooperative Extension Association Centers in New York State – all linked to Cornell University.

Our mission is to help people improve their lives and communities through educational partnerships that put research, knowledge and practical experience to work. We address current issues facing Rockland residents, focusing on the environment and community, youth and nutrition. Our information and advice is factual and unbiased.



Master Gardener Volunteer Training Session:

Thursdays, 9 AM - 2 PM

September 10, 2026 - January 21, 2027

(Tentative schedule - final date may change depending on class size and snow dates)

Program Location:

CCE Rockland Education Center

10 Patriot Hills Drive
Stony Point, NY 10980

Program Fee: \$375.00 Payable by Check



Scan QR code for 2026-2027 application/interest form

Office Hours of Operation

Monday- Friday
8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Horticultural Diagnostic Lab:

Monday - Thursday

Summer Hours

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Winter Hours

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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Master Gardener Volunteer Program

2026-2027

If you would like to help improve the beauty of your community and you enjoy sharing your knowledge and expertise with others, then consider becoming a Master Gardener Volunteer!



Cornell Cooperative Extension's Master Gardener Volunteers

What is the Master Gardener Volunteer Program?

The Master Gardener Volunteer Program is a *nationwide educational program*. In New York State, it consists of a corps of volunteers who are trained by Cornell Cooperative Extension in the science and art of gardening. Master Gardener Volunteers are *individuals from the community who enjoy gardening, and use their horticultural skills and expertise to educate others*. In return for their training, Master Gardener Volunteers donate their time teaching the community about gardening and the environment. Each volunteer agrees to give back 100 hours of service over a two-year period, and then continue in the program as a certified Master Gardener Volunteer.

Subjects included in the training program:

- Garden Botany
- Culture and Maintenance of Herbaceous and Woody Plants
- Site Assessment
- Integrated Pest Management
- Lawn Care
- Nuisance Wildlife Management
- Native Plants
- Soils, Fertilizers and Composting
- Pruning
- Vegetable Gardening
- Invasive Plants and Pests
- And more!

Volunteer activities include:

- Teach gardening to children, adults, educators and community groups
- Create and staff horticultural booths at shows and fairs
- Provide horticultural advice to the public at farmer's markets, garden centers and other venues
- Give lectures to garden clubs and community groups through a Speakers' Bureau
- Assist in the Horticulture Diagnostic Lab by identifying pests and answering horticulture inquiries
- Write gardening articles for CCE-Rockland's newsletter
- Design and maintain demonstration gardens for the benefit of the public
- Work with schools to provide garden based learning programming
- Act as a mentors and give technical guidance to school and community gardening projects

What are the qualifications to become a Master Gardener Volunteer?

- A basic interest and knowledge about horticulture and gardening
- Enthusiasm for acquiring and sharing horticultural knowledge and skills
- Interest in teaching others
- Ability to communicate verbally and in writing
- Understanding of CCE-RC's educational mission
- Flexible time schedule to allow participation in the program
- Willingness to volunteer time on horticultural projects and to help meet the goals of the county's CCE Program.



How to enroll in the program:

- Submit a brief application/interest form:



- Complete an in-person interview with the Horticulture Educator (June - July)
- Accepted participants will pay the course fee and begin classes on September 10

**For further information about the
Master Gardener Volunteer Program,
please contact:**

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