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I am interested in the Extension Master Gardener program. Please send me more information about the program in Carver & Scott counties.

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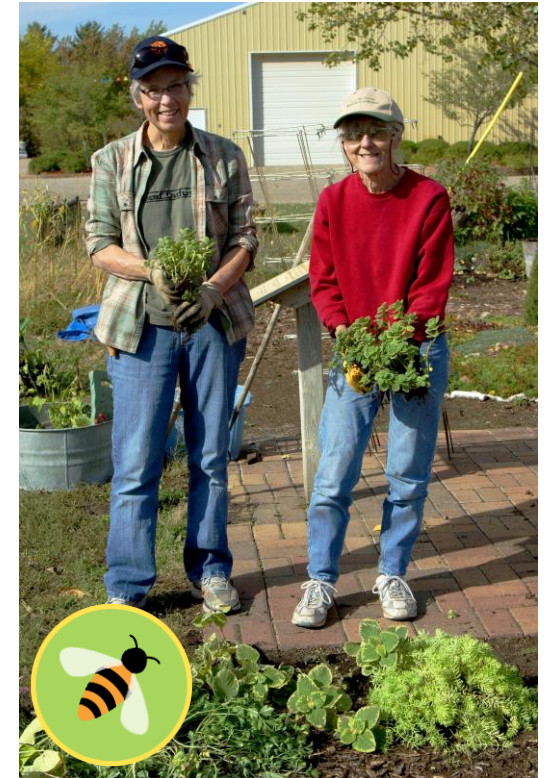
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# Becoming a Carver-Scott County Extension Master Gardener



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Carver-Scott Extension Master Gardener Program

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## WHAT IS THE EXTENSION MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM?

The Master Gardener program is one of the most recognized and visible University of Minnesota Extension programs in the state.

The mission of the University of Minnesota Extension Master Gardener program is to support Extension by providing volunteers trained in horticulture to educate the public with research-based information on the best practices in consumer horticulture and environmental stewardship.

Extension Master Gardeners help bring the practical resources of the land-grant University of Minnesota out into local communities around the state.

The Carver-Scott Extension Master Gardener program consists of approximately 125 volunteers who annually contribute more than 6,000 hours of service to enhance and improve the environment and quality of life for residents of Carver and Scott counties.

## HOW TO BECOME A CARVER-SCOTT EXTENSION MASTER GARDENER

### Acceptance into the County Program

- Apply, be interviewed, and selected for the Carver-Scott Extension Master Gardener program
- Pass a background check
- Pay \$275 for Core Course training

### Core Course Completion

A 48 hour Core Course is offered annually beginning in January. Sessions are taught by University educators. Training includes information about:

- Botany
- Diagnostics
- Entomology
- Fruits and Vegetables
- Gardening Resources
- Herbaceous Plants
- Indoor Plants
- Integrated Pest Management
- Lawn Care
- Plant Pathology
- Soils
- Trees, Shrubs and Vines
- Weeds

### Internship

Contribute 50 hours of volunteer service on approved projects within the calendar year of completing Core Course training.

### Annual Master Gardener Recertification

Following the intern year, complete 25 hours of volunteer service and 5 hours of continuing education each year to maintain active status.

## TYPES OF VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

More important than an extensive background in horticulture is an active interest in learning and sharing knowledge with others about current best practices for the lawn, garden, and natural environment.

Carver-Scott Extension Master Gardeners give back to their communities by:

- Answering yard and garden questions from residents via phone, email and in person
- Diagnosing plant problems at help desks and information tables
- Writing articles for local papers and the web
- Putting on educational events
- Teaching classes at libraries, nursing homes, daycares, businesses, and other venues
- Partnering with local government agencies, community groups, and schools
- Leading hands-on youth gardening activities
- Maintaining Teaching Gardens in both Carver and Scott Counties that serve as outdoor classrooms

