



Spring 2009

TEXAS MASTER GARDENER APPLICATION

Brazoria County

(Please print or type)

Master Gardener Program
 AgriLife Extension Service
 21017 C. R. 171
 Angleton, TX 77515
 979/864-1558 979/388-1558 281/756-1558
 ext. 112

Name _____

Address _____

City & Zip Code _____

Telephone _____ (day) _____ (evening)

e-mail address _____

1. List volunteer experience in working with the community: schools, churches, senior citizens, youth, hospitals, handicapped, etc. Include dates and length of volunteer service.

Agency/Organization	Type of volunteer work performed	Dates associated with organization

2. List group affiliations: garden clubs, community gardens, plant societies, civic and professional organizations, etc. Include non-horticultural related activities.

Agency/Organization	Activities, offices held, etc.	Dates of Membership

3. Years of gardening experience _____. Type of gardening experience and related training.

4. Indicate areas of interest, specialization or hobbies related to gardening or plants.

Topic	Type of Experience (Hands-on, Hobby, Education, Employment, etc.)
Fruit Trees, Nuts, Citrus	
Composting	
Water Efficient Plants/Landscaping	
Water Management/Irrigation	
Commercial Horticulture	
Flowers	
Turf	
House Plants	
Organic Gardening	
Insect and Disease Management	
Ornamentals	
Vegetables	
Other (Specify)	

5. What is your teaching/communication experience?

Topic	Type of Experience – Developing and/or Presenting (Give examples of experience)
Writing articles	
Speaking: large groups (30+ people)	
Speaking: small groups (-30 people)	
Demonstrations to Groups	
Hands-on Activities	
One-to-One Consultations	
TV/Radio Spots	
Coordinating Events	

Art/Display design	
Working with youth	
Working with Senior Citizens	
Computer	
Research	
Foreign language	
Office assistance	
Other	

6. Where did you learn about our training course? _____
7. Please list any personal/professional training or experience in horticulture (such as college course, home gardening, horticulture-related business experience, home landscaping, growing fruits, community beautification projects, etc.) _____
8. List your reasons for wanting to become a Master Gardener. (Use additional sheet, if needed) _____
9. Please list your current profession or trade. If retired, please indicate former profession or trade. _____
10. Do you have a disability that limits you physically? If so, please describe your limitations so accommodations can be provided _____

As part of the Master Gardener Training Program, **you are required to provide sixty (60) hours of Extension volunteer activities** within one year of completion of course work. Ten (10) of those hours will be devoted to answering caller questions on the Master Gardener Hotline. Will you have time available during weekdays over this period between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. to accomplish this activity?

YES NO

REGISTRATION FEE: \$135 per person to be returned with application. Includes copy of *Texas Master Gardener Handbook*. (NOTE: Fee refundable if application is withdrawn one week before classes begin.)

Check your preference below:

Home Gardener \$135.00
Commercial \$195.00

(Commercial refers to someone currently employed in the horticultural industry and paying with a business check)
\$60 will be refunded to companies upon completion of class and 60 volunteer hours.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Applications must be received by Friday, January 8, 2009. Classes will run Thursdays, January 15 through March 19, 2009.

MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEER AGREEMENT

I wish to become a Certified Master Gardener. I understand that if accepted into the Master Gardener training program, I will donate 60 hours of public service in the Master Gardener program during the next year.

To become a Master Gardener it is necessary to successfully complete the classroom educational requirements as well as the volunteer requirement of 60 hours.

I agree to submit to a criminal background check or provide proof that I have been screened within the last three (3) years.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Checks should be payable to BMGA

Mail to: Master Gardener Applicant
AgriLife Extension Service
21017 C. R. 171
Angleton, TX 77515