



RUTGERS MASTER GARDENER APPLICATION

I wish to become a participant in the Rutgers Cooperative Extension Master Gardener training program and would like to be accepted for the next class. I understand that upon successful completion of the training, I must perform the 60 hours of volunteer service within the necessary time frame to attain the title of Certified Rutgers Master Gardener. I understand there is a cost to cover the course and administrative expenses.

Please print

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____ COUNTY: _____

PHONE: (H) _____ (W) _____

FAX: _____ E-Mail: _____

Please complete the following:

1. Briefly describe your interest, experience and/or training in gardening/horticulture: _____

2. Please describe your level of expertise in gardening and horticulture:

_____ Beginner _____ Intermediate _____ Advanced _____ Expert

3. Why do you wish to become a Rutgers Master Gardener volunteer?

4. Do you belong to a garden club or environmental group? If so, which one (s)? _____

5. Please list past volunteer experiences, community, or civic activities and positions held. _____

6. Please circle any skills in non-horticultural areas that you would share:

public relations
public speaking
working with youth
landscape design
others: (Please list) _____

newsletters
computer skills
graphic arts
plant propagation

carpentry
photographer
art
crafts

I understand that to become a certified Rutgers Cooperative Extension Master Gardener, I am **required** to

- Complete the course of study, including specialized training in: (1) phone Helpline (2) tick ID (3) Plant Diagnostics

Note: Classes run from **January 22, 2019 through April 18, 2019, every Tuesday and Thursday, 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.** at the RCE of Ocean County, plus educational field trips.

The complete schedule will be mailed to those accepted into the program.

- You are expected to attend all classes.
- Pass the open book final exam with a minimum score of 80%.
- Volunteer 60 hours to the Rutgers Master Gardener Program of Ocean County. Our greatest need for volunteers is from: **April to Oct., Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the office.**
 - **A total of 40 hours in Helpline, Tick ID, Plant Diagnostics (The Big Three)**
 - **5 hours in outreach**
 - **15 hours in program areas of your choice**
 - **You have until December 14, 2019 to complete and record your volunteer commitment.**
 - **Annual volunteer requirements are needed to maintain your certification.**

I have read the Master Gardener volunteer requirements and agree to adhere to the stipulations outlined.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Return the completed application and your check for **\$275.00** made payable to:
Ocean County Board of Agriculture

Fee schedule: Classroom instruction, textbook, class materials and graduation. If you are not accepted into the program, your check will be returned to you after February 4, 2019.

Mail to:
Rutgers Master Gardener Program Coordinator
Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Ocean County
1623 Whitesville Road
Toms River, N.J. 08755

Application deadline is Dec. 14, 2018 or until the class is full. Enrollment is limited to 35 people.