

WHO ARE THE RUTGERS MASTER GARDENERS?

Rutgers Master Gardeners (RMGs) are trained and certified volunteers who assist Rutgers Cooperative Extension personnel in providing researched-based information on sustainable horticultural practices to Ocean County residents.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Anyone over 18 with an interest in gardening and is able to volunteer their time to help our communities grow. No previous education or training necessary.

WHAT DOES TRAINING INVOLVE?

Intern classes are held at the Rutgers Cooperative Extension building from the end of January through April on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30-12:30. Rutgers faculty, staff and horticultural consultants present topics such as botany, soils, woody ornamentals, lawn care, IPM, fruit crops, vegetables, insects and plant diseases.

HOW DO I BECOME A RUTGERS MASTER GARDENER?

Applications are available year round at the RCE building and on the RCE website: ocean.njaes.rutgers.edu. Fee includes books, class materials and digital copies of presentations. After passing an open book test, trainees must complete 60 hours of volunteer services to become a certified RMG. To remain a RMG, a minimum of 25 hours volunteer service and 10 hours of continuing education per year are required.

Interested or want more information?

Call 732-349-1246 or

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Rutgers Cooperative Extension Agricultural Building



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Pursue your interests within the Rutgers Master Gardener Program

DO YOU LIKE TO PLAN EVENTS?

RMGs are involved in many events like our annual Spring Plant Sale, Fall Garden Day, educational events and scheduling day trips to flower and garden destinations.



DO YOU LOVE TO GARDEN?

We have gardens in Ocean County Park, at the Rutgers Cooperative Extension Center and at southern Ocean County's Atlantis Golf Course.



HOW ARE YOU AT SOLVING PUZZLES AND MYSTERIES?

Every day plant samples and ticks come through our door for identification. Using microscopes and reference materials, you can satisfy your inner CSI or Sherlock Holmes to find out "Who done it?"



DO YOU HAVE A THIRST FOR KNOWLEDGE?

In horticulture, knowledge is key. We hold continuing education classes year-round to keep you informed of the latest in insects, wildlife, environmental concerns and gardening practices.

ARE YOU A WRITER OR A JOURNALIST?

Writers and editors are welcome. We produce a yearly calendar filled with gardening information for public distribution, publicize our various programs and produce a monthly newsletter 'Through the Grapevine'.



ARE YOU A PEOPLE-PERSON?

Interacting with the community either on our Helpline or at Community Outreach Events might be a perfect fit for you.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A WAY TO HELP YOUR COMMUNITY?

We work with Farmers Against Hunger and area farms to glean produce that would otherwise be wasted and bring it to local food pantries.



DO YOU LIKE WORKING WITH YOUTH?

Our Education Outreach team works with area schools and non-profits to design community and sensory gardens. We also help plan programming for schools and scouting groups.



If you answered yes to one or all of these questions, come learn about being a Rutgers Master Gardener in Ocean County.

A RMG Open House is scheduled every November.

Please contact the office for date and time.

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