

## 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?

Ocean County Residents 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 Certified RMGs 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 on the RCE website: [ocean.njaes.rutgers.edu](http://ocean.njaes.rutgers.edu). The class 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 certified RMG, a minimum of 25 hours volunteer service and 10 hours of continuing education is required yearly.

**Interested or want more information?**

**Call 732-505-4563 or**

**email: [oceanag@njaes.rutgers.edu](mailto:oceanag@njaes.rutgers.edu)**



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## RUTGERS MASTER GARDENERS OF OCEAN COUNTY



**Volunteering  
Through  
Horticulture**

# Rutgers Master Gardeners Services Offered Throughout Ocean County

## 'ASK A RUTGERS MASTER GARDENER'

Bring your insect or plant sample for identification, diagnosis, and recommendations. RMGs help answer questions regarding your garden, lawn, plants, and ticks. 'Ask a Rutgers Master Gardener' events are held throughout Ocean County at various libraries, farmers markets, and festivals.

### Diagnostics & Helpline

The Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Ocean County is open year round for all of your horticultural needs including plant diagnostics, insect identification and soil testing. Our Rutgers Master Gardener Helpline is available Monday through Friday at 732-349-1245.



### TICK IDENTIFICATION

Have you been finding ticks on yourself, your children, or your pets? Bring your ticks to the Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Ocean County. Volunteers will identify the tick and provide more information about the ticks that are in our area.



### COMMUNITY OUTREACH, EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH, & SPEAKERS BUREAU

In horticulture, knowledge is key. Our various outreach committees are available to speak to groups, demonstrate garden techniques, and provide support as your project grows.

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

Our **Community Outreach** committee provides information to the community through informational tables to answer horticultural questions during community events.

The **Speakers Bureau** is available year round to provide educational research based talks to keep you informed of the latest in insects, wildlife, environmental concerns and gardening practices.



### ANNUAL EVENTS

RMGs are involved in many events. Our Spring Plant Sale, Butterfly Tent Event, and Fall Garden Day are held annually at the Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Ocean County.

### FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

RMGs grow herbs and various produce in community gardens throughout northern and southern Ocean County.

In addition, the RMGs work with a variety of organizations and area farms to glean produce that would otherwise be wasted and bring it all to local food pantries.



If you or your group are interested in the many services provided by the Rutgers Master Gardeners of Ocean County please visit our website at <https://ocean.njaes.rutgers.edu/master-gardeners/>

Or  
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