



Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Master Gardener Application



Victoria County Master Gardener Association (VCMGA) has recently revamped its training program. For the first time, VCMGA will use a combination of 32 hours of remote online instruction and 18 hours of in-person training. The remote online instruction is being provided through Texas AgriLife Extension in a self-paced format, consisting of 8 modules with 4 hours of training credit per module. Persons who successfully complete all 8 modules will be issued a Certificate of Completion. For the remainder of the calendar year 2020, the 8 modules, collectively titled "Gardening 101" is free of charge. Please note that Texas AgriLife Extension reserves the option to charge a registration fee for Gardening 101 after December 31, 2020.

The 18 hours of in-person training will be offered beginning in early 2021. Because of the uncertainty of the Covid-19 pandemic, the exact schedule with times and location will be announced at a later date. It is anticipated that the training will begin in January and be completed before the end of April 2021. At this time, the topics being considered, among others, include:

- Insects
- Propagation
- Hydroponics
- Composting
- Vegetable gardening in the Golden Crescent, raised beds
- Projects approved by VCMGA

In exchange for the training, the applicant agrees to volunteer at least 50 hours to the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service – Victoria County Master Gardener Program within the following calendar year (2021). Each applicant who successfully completes the training and volunteer service requirements in 2021 will become a Certified Master Gardener in December 2021.

If you believe that you would like to become a Victoria County Master Gardener, please begin the Gardening 101 Modules offered by Texas AgriLife Extension as soon as possible by registering at <https://agrilifelearn.tamu.edu/product?catalog=HORT-005>. Submit the attached application, the Certificate of Completion and \$60 fee by Dec 15, 2020.

The application is found on the following page.



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DEADLINE TO SUBMIT APPLICATION, CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION OF THE GARDENING 101 ONLINE MODULES AND \$60 FEE IS DEC 15, 2020.

Name (Signature) _____

(Print) _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

E-Mail _____

Please Complete the following:

Years of Gardening Experience: _____

Type of experience and related training: _____

Number years living in _____ County: _____

List areas of specialization or hobbies (e.g. flowers, vegetables, ornamentals, house plants, community gardening, fruit trees, etc.):

List experience in working with each of the following: community, schools, youth groups, churches, senior citizens, hospitals, halfway houses, etc.:

Please list garden related affiliations: garden clubs, community gardens, plant societies, etc.:

How did you learn of the Master Gardener Program? _____

Why do you want to become a Master Gardener? _____

Are you presently employed, and if so, where? _____

Will you do at least 50 hours of volunteer work in 2021 to support the educational efforts of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service – Victoria County’s Master Gardener Program? Yes _____ No _____

Please fill out this application and submit along with the Certificate of Completion & \$60 fee to:
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service – Victoria County
Attn: Matt Bochat - CEA-Ag
528 Waco Circle
Victoria, TX 77904