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Centerville, Texas 75833  
(903) 536-2531



Dear Leon County Master Gardener Candidate,

We are glad you are interested in the Leon County Master Gardener program. Enclosed you will find an application, questionnaire, and class schedule. The Leon County Master Gardener program offers 18 weeks of intensive horticulture training on such topics as vegetable gardening, flower gardening, plant propagation, insects, plant diseases and more!

The application deadline for the 2024 Leon County Master Gardener class series is **July 12, 2024**. The class will meet each Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., starting July 26 and concluding on November 15. The cost of the course is \$200.00. Each participant will be provided the Texas Master Gardener Handbook (a comprehensive horticultural text) as well as various other handouts on topics covered in each class.

The majority of the classes will be held in the Grand Room of Leon County Annex I. Leon County Annex I is located at 113 West Main in Centerville. The Grand Room is located on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. There will be a few field trips as part of the class training.

Applications are accepted on a first come, first serve basis. For this year's class, we will be limiting the class to 12 participants. We will accept applications until either July 12<sup>th</sup> or until we receive 12 paid applicants, whichever comes first. You do not need to have much knowledge or experience in gardening to apply for the class. Through the class, you will gain knowledge and experience to equip you to become a better gardener.

To achieve the title of Texas/Leon County Master Gardener, you must successfully complete the training class as well as perform at least 50 hours of volunteer service to the community. These volunteer hours can be anything from filling in at the Leon County Extension Office to working on any of the numerous Leon County Master Gardener volunteer projects. Once you achieve your Master Gardener certification, you must perform volunteer hours and complete continuing education classes annually.

If you are an individual with a disability who requires an auxiliary aid, service, or accommodation in order to participate in the Leon County Master Gardener class, please contact the Leon County Extension Office at least 2 weeks prior to the first class in order to determine how reasonable accommodations can be made.

If you have any questions, please call the Leon County Extension Office at (903) 536-2531. I wish you the best in your gardening ventures.

Sincerely,

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office  
Leon County

## Leon County Master Gardener Class 2024 Application

Participants in the 2024 Leon County Master Gardener class will be given over 50 hours of training by horticulture specialists and other experts on numerous subjects such as soils, herbs, vegetables, insects, plant diseases, and other horticulture-related subjects. Dates of the course are Fridays from July 26<sup>th</sup> through November 15, 2024.

In addition to training, you will receive the Texas Master Gardener Handbook and numerous handouts. Space is limited and applications are processed as received. A fee of \$200.00 (to cover the cost of the program, educational materials, and speaker fees) must be returned along with the application and questionnaire. If the class is filled before your application is received, your \$200.00 will be refunded in full. No refund will be granted once your application has been accepted as we have purchased books and supplies on your behalf.

In return for the instruction, you will be required to volunteer a minimum of 50 hours of service in various categories. Of those 50 hours, at least 8 hours must be served in the Leon County Extension Office answering the telephone. The other 42 hours can be done working in any of the numerous Leon County Master Gardener projects. You will have until December 1, 2025 to complete your volunteer hours. Upon successful completion of the training class and your volunteer hours, you will achieve the title of Texas Master Gardener.

In order to successfully complete the course, you are only able to miss one class without penalty. A makeup class is planned at the end of the class series for those who have missed more than one class. If more than two classes are missed, you will need to make up those classes during the 2024 class. If you have situations which might require you to miss several classes, please visit with the Leon County Extension Office to discuss these situations so a plan can be developed to ensure that you successfully complete the Leon County Master Gardener program.

Please send the application, questionnaire, and \$200.00 registration fee by **July 12, 2024**.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to the above requirements \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant signature

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Also, please do not send cash; send check or money order with this application make out to Leon County Ag Account, PO Box 188, Centerville, Texas 75833, or bring it by the Leon County Extension Office, located on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of Leon County Annex I, 113 West Main, Centerville.**

**Leon County Master Gardener Questionnaire**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want to be a Leon County Master Gardener?

What are your particular areas of gardening interest? Do you have any previous horticulture related training?

Describe any special talents you have that would make you especially helpful as a Master Gardener (speaking, gardening, construction of garden structures, teaching, etc.)

How did you learn about the Leon County Master Gardener program?

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Please rate the following reasons for your participation in the Leon County Master Gardener course on a scale of **0 (not important at all) to 5 (most important)**.

	Not Important	→	→	→	→	Most Important
I will be able to increase my knowledge of gardening.	0	1	2	3	4	5
I will be able to gain new skills as a gardener.	0	1	2	3	4	5
I will have the opportunity to receive horticultural training.	0	1	2	3	4	5
I will be able to provide a service to other people in my community and/or neighborhood.	0	1	2	3	4	5
I will have the opportunity to share my knowledge with other gardeners.	0	1	2	3	4	5
I will gain a great deal of personal satisfaction.	0	1	2	3	4	5
I will be able to creatively use my free time.	0	1	2	3	4	5
I will be become part of an elite corps of horticultural volunteers.	0	1	2	3	4	5
I will be able to meet and socialize with other gardeners.	0	1	2	3	4	5
I will be recognized by people in my community.	0	1	2	3	4	5

Please return your completed application, questionnaire, and registration fee to the Leon County Extension Office by **July 12, 2024**. Class size will be limited to the first 12 paid registrations.

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