

Advanced Training

Virginia Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Training

February – April 2026

Hybrid course- Flexible online and in-person lessons and optional field trips



Are you interested in:

- Protecting the environment by promoting research-based solutions to plant problems?
- Teaching your community how to maintain and appreciate native landscaping and how to create a sustainable vegetable garden?
- Leading educational gardening programs and workshops?

Virginia Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners are trained volunteer educators, committed to at least 20 hours of horticultural and environmental volunteer service each year after their training and internship period ends. Our volunteers are continually learning, participating in at least 8 hours of continuing education through activities, workshops and educational events.

Our training offers volunteers the chance to learn a lot about gardening that benefits them and those in their community. Volunteering with Virginia Cooperative Extension gives Master Gardeners the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of everyone in their community.

- Applications accepted through December 5, 2025.
- Contact us for more details using the information below

Greensville/Emporia Extension Office

Contact: Sara Rutherford
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**Course fee: \$175.00
per person**

- Payment will be collected after your application has been reviewed and your background check has been completed.
- Cash, check or credit card payments will be accepted
- There is a \$50.00 fee for all returned checks.

**Fill out the enrollment
application**

<https://bttr.im/zfdzq>

If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services or other accommodations to participate in this activity, please contact the Greensville-Emporia Office at 434-348-4223 during the business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday to discuss accommodations at least 10 days prior to the event.

*TDD number is (800) 828-1120.



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