



We Are The Master Gardeners of Washington State

In 36 counties across Washington state, close to 5,000 Master Gardeners volunteer as community educators.

Our public-outreach education includes:

- Teaching thousands of first-time gardeners how to plant vegetable gardens to save money on grocery bills during tough economic times.
- Creating over 1,000 school gardens in order to teach garden-based nutrition to children, many of whom qualify for free and reduced lunches.
- Donating tons of fresh produce to local food banks and community kitchens from Master Gardener demonstration and community gardens.
- Helping residents save money and protect the abundant natural resources of our state by teaching them to:
 - Control soil erosion to protect salmon habitat.
 - Reduce the amount of pesticides and fertilizers that find their way to surface and groundwater.
 - Reduce water use for landscapes by helping homeowners to select the right plants for the right place in their gardens.
 - Use gardening techniques such as integrated pest management to help eliminate the threat of invasive weeds and insects.