



ROSELAND, NJ — Do you love gardening? Do you love sharing your gardening knowledge with others?

Become a Rutgers Extension Master Gardener by joining our classes this Fall. Starting this September 13<sup>th</sup>, professors and professionals instruct individuals in the art and science of gardening through an in-depth training program. Classes include everything from soil testing vegetable and fruit pests and diseases to native plants and the basics of landscaping design. Participants are not required to have prior gardening skills or knowledge; only a passion for learning about gardening and sharing this knowledge with others!

More information about the program is included in our list of Frequently Asked Questions below. We look forward to gardening with you!

**Where will the class be held?**

Most classes will be held at Garibaldi Hall at the Essex County Environmental Center in Roseland (621A Eagle Rock Ave.) this year, with at least one field trip within the county.

**When will the classes be held?**

Classes are each Wednesday from **10 AM until 1 PM**, from September 13<sup>th</sup> 2017 through June 2018. The field trips during the training may require an earlier start or a later end of class that day.

### **Who gives the training?**

The Rutgers Master Gardener training will be provided by Rutgers Cooperative Extension faculty and staff, local horticultural professionals, and Rutgers Certified Master Gardeners.

### **How much time is involved:**

While you will receive approximately 100 hours of horticultural instruction during the training program, the objective of the Rutgers Master Gardener training is to develop and maintain a corps of volunteers to help Rutgers Cooperative Extension provide educational programs and science-based information to the residents of Essex County.

To become a Rutgers Certified Master Gardener, you are required to complete 60 hours of volunteer service in a Rutgers approved program or project. We have many project options that fit all gardening tastes and abilities.

### **How much is the tuition?**

The program fee of \$275.00 is due on the first day of class. We accept checks, money orders or cash. Payment is to “Rutgers University”. If the program fee presents a hardship please contact [zientek@njaes.rutgers.edu](mailto:zientek@njaes.rutgers.edu).

### **Where do I find the application?**

For an application to the program, please go to <http://njaes.rutgers.edu/mastergardeners/pdfs/mg-application-2011.pdf>. Mail it to the Master Gardener Helpline Office, Garibaldi Hall, 621a Eagle Rock Avenue, Roseland, NJ 07068. You will receive an email confirmation of your application within the month.

Once certified, our Master Gardener Volunteers provide educational services to the community, including: answering gardening questions from the public; conducting plant clinics; gardening activities with children, senior citizens or disabled persons; beautifying the community; developing demonstration gardens; plus many other horticultural activities.

To learn more about the Rutgers Master Gardeners of Essex County, please visit our website here: [www.mgessex.org](http://www.mgessex.org). Find Us on Facebook @RutgersMasterGardeners

If you have further questions contact the Rutgers Master Gardener Helpline of Essex County (973-228-2210). Space is limited so don't wait til the last minute!

— Rutgers Master Gardeners of Essex County