

About Us

The Ohio State University Master Gardener Volunteer (MGV) Program provides in-depth training in home horticulture to interested Ohio residents who then volunteer their time assisting with educational programs from OSU.

Master Gardener Volunteers provide such educational services as: answering garden questions, conducting public presentations, partnering with schools and community organizations, creating booths at public events such as the county fair, and teaching through demonstration gardens.

Volunteers are not required to have garden skills or knowledge

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before joining! Applicants should have a passion for learning. A willingness to share this new knowledge with others is a MUST! MGVs are “leaders, not weeders”. **We do not do public landscape maintenance or install gardens.**

We teach, educate, and demonstrate.



How to Join?

If you are interested in becoming a Master Gardener Volunteer, or have additional questions about the program, please contact the OSU Extension Office in Medina County. Students are taught research-based information and are expected to use and teach science-based practices in the community when completed with the course.

If you are interested, you can be placed on the MGV wait list for the next class. Classes are held in odd years. Class minimum is 15 participants.



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EXTENSION

MGV Public Events

Woodland Health Team: MGVs partner with the Medina Parks to teach the public about invasive species and train helpers to correctly identify and remove unwanted plants in the parks.

Medina Fair: MGVs host a booth in building #5 highlighting garden topics and answering questions.

Garden Chats: MGVs host presentations and garden conversations throughout the season at libraries, rec centers, Soprema Senior Center, and at the OSU Volunteer Garden at the OSU Extension Office located at Route 18 and Foote Rd.



Seminars: MGVs plan and teach fee-based public workshops to educate and enjoy with invited speakers or make-n-take activities.

Kids Programs: MGVs teach a variety of programs for youth such as “Preschoolers in the Garden”. Hands-on kid-friendly activities help youth enjoy nature and learn about growing food.

Upcoming events can be found at

Medina.osu.edu/events

MGV Services

Speaker Bureau

Our MGVs accept requests for presentations on home gardening topics from organizations, clubs, libraries, rec centers, churches and other groups.

COST: A \$25.00 donation is requested to help support the program and cover any supplies. However, we do provide this service regardless of ability to pay when time and volunteers are available. Contact the OSU Extension Office to inquire.

Horticulture Help Line

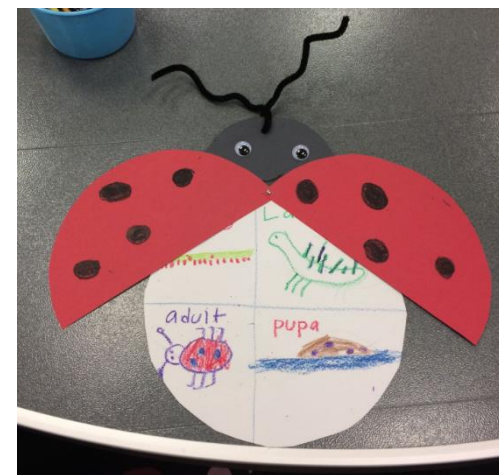
Plant ID * Insect ID * Plant Problems

Our MGVs will research and provide information to Medina residents about their home lawn and garden questions. You can contact the OSU Extension Office by phone, email, or in-person to ask questions about starting a garden, plant identification, insects, or other plant problems. A MGV volunteer will research your issue and respond with science-based factsheets and guidance to help you with your horticulture queries.

SEASON: April – October **COST:** FREE!

OSU Plant and Pest Diagnostic Clinic

Plant problem have us stumped? You can send a sample of a sick plant to the **OSU Plant and Pest Diagnostic Clinic** in Wooster. For a \$30.00 fee, OSU Plant Pathologists will culture your plant sample for any known fungal or bacterial pathogens and send you a report of their findings and provide guidance for next steps, if solutions are available. Visit <http://ppdc.osu.edu>



School Partners

Growing Minds is our in-school enrichment opportunity. Schools may request a Master Gardener to teach a garden-related activities in the classroom or may request a specific program theme. MGVs partner with teachers to ensure engagement is standards-based and supports teachers’ target outcomes. This program is best suited for elementary age.

Past Program Examples:

- Seeds, plant components
- Insect lifecycle & ecological roles
- What do plants need?
- Worms / Vermicompost

We do NOT install, maintain, or manage school gardens. However, we can consult with instructors who wish to start their own garden or who have questions about existing garden projects.

COST: Free to public schools

Subject to volunteer availability.