

Welcome to the 2022 Utah State University Extension Master Gardener Program in Tooele County. We have two class sections that will be generally on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Come learn and grow with us as you make new friends, learn lots of amazing things, gain new skills, and get involved in cool gardening projects in the area!

All are welcome to participate in the classes. However, the purpose of the Master Gardener program is to develop trained volunteers who provide Utah communities with unbiased, research-based horticultural education and technical assistance in gardening and home horticulture. You'll receive 15 class sessions of college-level lecture and hands-on training workshops taught by Utah State University Extension faculty and industry professionals in the following subject areas:

Soils and Fertilizers

Irrigation

Fruits and Vegetables

Trees, Shrubs, and Flowers

Weed Management

Plant Propagation

Integrated Pest Management

Turfgrass

Landscape Design

Plant Anatomy

In addition to the classwork, students who wish to become a Certified Master Gardener must provide a minimum of 40 hours of volunteer service back to their community. Most participants in Tooele County work individually or in small groups with other like-minded individuals to complete their service hours. Additional volunteer opportunities are also available such as assisting with our county fair and helping with Extension youth programs and educational events. Other volunteer opportunities often become available, and some students also get approval for their own volunteer projects. More details on volunteering will be covered during the class. Volunteering is not mandatory, and you can still attend the class without becoming a certified Master Gardener if you are unable to volunteer.

This year the class will be taught twice weekly rather than once weekly. This will help complete in-class instruction before the busy spring arrives and integrate students into volunteer programs earlier to increase opportunities to complete required volunteer hours. The afternoon class will be from 1-3:30 and the evening class from 6-8:30.

To allow those to participate who have been unable to do so in the past, classes are delivered using multiple methods. All are taught virtually via Zoom, and many are also taught in a classroom setting where students can attend either in the classroom or over Zoom. Some classes are also pre-recorded to watch beforehand, with a live Q&A session at the scheduled class time. As much as possible, classes are recorded and available online for viewing after class. It is not required to attend any class in person.

More class details will be sent to registered attendees prior to classes starting on January 25th.

The class fee of \$200/person includes a printed manual. Manuals will be able to be picked up in person at the Tooele Extension Office starting January 17th. More details will be sent to attendees before class begins.

Here is a TENTATIVE schedule.

Date Topic

25-Jan Course Introduction and Plant Anatomy

27-Jan Soil

1-Feb Insects

3-Feb Plant Propagation

8-Feb Plant Diseases

10-Feb Weed/Pest management

15-Feb Fruit Trees

17-Feb Small Fruit - Grapes, Strawberries, Raspberries, etc.

22-Feb Turfgrass (Lawn) Management

24-Feb Vegetables

1-Mar Herbaceous Plants (aka Annuals and Perennials)

3-Mar NO CLASS

8-Mar Woody Plants (Trees and Shrubs)

10-Mar Landscape Design

15-Mar Plant Problem Diagnosis

17-Mar Irrigation

A hands-on seed starting class and a pruning class included with the program will also be announced after class begins.

Registration ends on January 31st, so don't wait! E-mail [nickole.brown@usu.com](mailto:nickole.brown@usu.com) if you need more information.