

# INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT FOR MASTER GARDENERS

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## **Situation Statement**

Many Master Gardeners volunteer for Utah State University Extension Service each year. Many of these volunteer in diagnostic clinics and some are in counties without horticultural expertise. Many could and would do much more to help Extension programs but they lack diagnostic training. Most of the Master Gardener classes have less than five hours of training and this is not sufficient training for most volunteers to feel comfortable diagnosing plant problems

There is a critical need to train these Master Gardener Volunteers in pest identification and in Integrated Pest Management.

Providing additional training would better help Master Gardeners to staff diagnostic clinics, do additional workshops and classes incorporating IPM techniques. It would also help them answer questions at Master Gardener booths at state and county fairs, home and garden shows and other venues.

Providing this training is essential to keep Master Gardeners up to date and to keep them excited and motivated to continue to help Utah State University Extension with disseminating horticultural information.

This information will be placed on the USU website but the CD format is very important because Master Gardeners often host clinics where they do not have internet access but computer access is usually available.

## Objectives

- Develop diagnostic and IPM training materials to be utilized by Master Gardeners on a statewide basis.
- Provide an Integrated Pest Management and a diagnostic CD to each Master Gardener trained in Utah in 2006.
- Train 100 Utah State University Advanced Master Gardeners in pest identification and advanced IPM practices for trees and shrubs.
- Train 65 Utah State University beginning Master Gardeners in basic IPM practices and in techniques to share those with the public.
- Develop printed fact sheets that outline Integrated Pest Management for distribution by Master Gardeners at educational events.

## Procedures

- Train 50 Utah State University Advanced Master Gardeners in advanced diagnostic and pest management techniques emphasizing IPM Practices at workshops to be held on a regional basis between May 15 and September 1, 2005.
- Train 65 Utah State University Extension Beginning Master Gardeners in basic IPM practices and sharing information with the public. Focus IPM technique training to change pesticide use practices and reduce pesticide impacts.
- Develop and implement concise IPM materials for inclusion in the Statewide Master Gardener manual to be used starting September 2005.
- Develop and implement concise, reproducible IPM fact sheets for inclusion in county and State events for 2006.
- Integrated Pest Management information will be disseminated in an article published in a statewide newspaper and two regional newspapers. Similar information will also be provided through the USU information office to all media outlets in the state.
- Offer IPM training on a statewide and regional basis through two radio programs. Include IPM information on web sites for KSL radio and television, and Utah State University.

## Techniques

Develop a CD ROM Pest Control, Diagnostics and IPM manual for Horticultural Plants that will be distributed to all advanced Master Gardeners as a resource and as part of their training.

- Train Fifty Utah State University Advanced Master Gardeners in advanced diagnostic and IPM techniques in Tooele, Salt Lake, Davis, Cache and Utah Counties. The training will be conducted by USU Extension Horticulture Agents, USU Paraprofessionals and appropriate USU Specialists.
- Classes and training will be done in two parts. They will include classroom sections and outdoor, hands-on clinics.
- The training will be evaluated by pre and post testing to determine the knowledge and skills gained by teaching integrated pest management techniques and diagnostic techniques Master Gardeners.

**Budget**

Audiovisual equipment, supplies, and materials to develop training aides	\$	400.00
Travel	\$	565.00
Workshop supplies and preparation	\$	550.00
Preparation and reproduction of diagnostic and IPM CD	\$	1,000.00
Contract help for preparing diagnostic CD and IPM materials	\$	850.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,365.00</b>

**FUNDING SOURCES**

**IPM Mini Grant** \$ **1,700.00**

**Other Sources**

Funding provided by County Master Gardeners organizations	\$	1,000.00
In-kind contributions from Master Gardeners and USU counties	\$	665.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,365.00</b>