





# BECOME A MASTER GARDENER!



<b>WHO</b>	If you are enthusiastic, willing to learn, enjoy helping others, able to communicate with diverse groups of people, and have some experience and background in gardening, you may qualify to be a certified <b>MASTER GARDENER</b> .
<b>WHAT</b>	<p>Every two years, training by Cooperative Extension farm advisors and specialists is available to selected participants.</p> <p>A basic 16-week practical course in plant science and horticulture, soil and plant nutrition, pests and diseases and their control, plant management, and diagnosis of plant problems is provided.</p> <p>Certification is attained after completion of the training program and passing an examination.</p>
<b>WHEN</b>	<p><i>Meet the Master Gardeners Orientation, August 20, 2009</i>, at 7:00 p.m. at the Merced County Cooperative Extension Classroom. Attendance is <b><i>strongly encouraged</i></b>. Learn if the Master Gardener Program is right for you.</p> <p>Applications available beginning <b>July 20, 2009</b>. Applications must be received before 5:00 p.m. on <b>October 7, 2009</b>. A fee of \$185 is required with your application to cover material costs, payable to UC Regents. Checks will be held until notice of selection. <b><i>Late applications will not be accepted.</i></b> Interviews by appointment during the first two weeks of <b>November, 2009</b>. Notification of selection by <b>November 20, 2009</b>.</p> <p>Classes meet in Merced - 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., January 6 through April 21, 2010.</p>
<b>WHERE</b>	<p>Wednesday morning classes will be held in Merced. <b>ALL</b> classes must be attended. Additional hours of training may be required as arranged.</p>
<b>WHY</b>	<p>To add to your knowledge of plants, growing things, and gardening. Help improve your community by sharing knowledge gained from the program.</p> <p>Make many new wonderful friends and enjoy monthly continuing education in-services at the Cooperative Extension office.</p> <p>Work side by side with other interesting and knowledgeable people who share a common interest in gardening.</p>
<b>HOW</b>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Completed applications should be returned to University of California Cooperative Extension 2145 Wardrobe Ave Merced, CA 95341 Or call (209) 385-7403 for further details</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> </div>