

## **JEFFERSON COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS NEW INTERN TRAINING 2026 REGISTRATION**

Are you a resident of Jefferson County or a surrounding county? Are you interested in gardening or learning more about gardening activities? Are you willing to learn and share the knowledge to help others in horticulture related activities? Are you able to work and communicate with diverse groups of people? If you answered yes to these questions, then you would make a great Jefferson County Master Gardener!

Classes for the 2026 program year date are as follows:

**Monday February 2<sup>nd</sup> - Friday February 6<sup>th</sup> 9:00a.m.-4:30p.m.**  
**Thursday February 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and March 5<sup>th</sup> 1:00p.m.-5:00p.m.**

There will be a break for lunch. Refrigerator and microwave available or you are welcome to leave/return.

Most of the classroom portion will be held at:

**Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Jefferson County Office**  
**1225 Pearl Street, Suite 200**  
**Beaumont, Texas 77701**

**Alternate locations off-site for hands on study in local gardens, nature centers, etc. will be announced.**

The cost of the class is \$190 which includes the cost of the textbook, materials, and administrative costs. You must attend all lectures to be eligible for certification. If a lecture is missed, you must read the corresponding information, view the related videos, and write a short report. If you miss 3 or more lectures, you may be dropped from the program and will be required to reapply next year. **After completing the class there is a 12-month internship during which you are required to attend special lectures, workdays, and demonstrations for additional training. You are required to attend the test/demonstration garden meetings and/or workdays.** During this time, interns will perform 50 hours of designated volunteer service before becoming Certified Master Gardeners. After completion of the classroom education and required volunteer hours, interns will be eligible to become a Certified Master Gardener.

The deadline for registration will be on January 16, 2026, to allow time for materials for programs to be prepared in advance. Registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. If we have more candidates than available space, the registration fee of \$190 will be refunded in full.

**Candidates are required to complete a background check to become certified.**

If you have any questions, please contact the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Jefferson County at (409) 835-8461 for additional information.

Please return the complete registration, questionnaire, and \$190.00 fee by January 16, 2026.

**Send check or money order with this registration/questionnaire made out to:**

**Jefferson County Master Gardeners**  
**1225 Pearl Street, Suite 200**  
**Beaumont, TX 77701**

**Do not send cash in the mail.**  
**Keep this page for information**

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ \*\* Preferred method of communication. \*\*

I agree to the requirements of this program's registration:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**JEFFERSON COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS SHORTCOURSE**  
**2026 QUESTIONNAIRE**

Why do you want to be a Jefferson County Master Gardener? \_\_\_\_\_

What are your particular areas of gardening interest? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you presently employed? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ If you are employed, what type of work do you do? \_\_\_\_\_

If you are presently employed, how do you propose to participate in the many required activities which occur during normal work hours (8am-5pm) Monday-Friday? \_\_\_\_\_

If you are retired, what type of work did you do? \_\_\_\_\_

Describe any special talents you have that would make you especially helpful as a Master Gardener (speaking, gardening, construction of garden structures, teaching, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Are you able to perform the essential functions of gardening, with or without reasonable accommodations? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you know of any time during the year when you will be out of town for an extended period of time (a month or more)? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you had a felony or misdemeanor within the last 10 years? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If so, when and state details? \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you agree to:**

Attend all Master Gardener classes? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Volunteer a minimum of 50 hours (in test gardens, public education, continuing education and floating hours)  
Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Attend monthly meetings (2nd Thursday each month at 6 pm) Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Participate in other projects as assigned and attend special workdays, lectures, and demonstrations as deemed necessary? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Submit to required background check for all trainees, volunteers and Master Gardeners Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Do you understand that this program entails a 12-month commitment to complete? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_