Our Mission Statement
The Johnson County K-State Research and Extension Master Gardener volunteers preserve and beautify the environment and improve the quality of life in the community by promoting sound horticulture practices with honesty, patience and respect for the public and each other.

Become an Extension Master Gardener

• Do you live in Johnson County?
• Do you have a high school diploma or equivalent?
• Are you available for training on Tuesdays from 9 – 4 p.m., mid-September thru mid-November?
• Are you interested and do you have the time to donate a minimum of 40 hours of community horticulture service and 10 hours of advanced training each following year?

If you answered yes to all these questions, complete the following information. Applications are available May 1 for the next class.

Name ____________________________
Address ____________________________
City ________________________________
State ______ Zip _____________
Phone (day) _________________________
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E-mail ______________________________

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What are Extension Master Gardeners?

Johnson County Extension Master Gardeners (EMGs) are volunteers trained to educate the public in researched-based horticulture practices.

Why become an EMG?

- Do you like to learn new things?
- Do you like to share what you’ve learned with others?
- Do you like to help people?
- Do you like to have fun?

Being an EMG is a fun and rewarding volunteer activity. Participants develop a sense of community spirit, accomplishment and intellectual stimulation.

Created in 1972 in the state of Washington, the EMG program has since spread to all 50 states and Canada. The Johnson County EMG program started in 1980.

While EMG volunteers receive no monetary compensation for their services, they are greatly appreciated for their contributions by K-State Research and Extension and the residents of Johnson County. EMGs feel their real joy and reward comes from sharing with others their passion for gardening.

If you have a passion for gardening and would like to share horticulture information with others, consider volunteering with the Johnson County Extension Master Gardeners (EMGs).

How Extension Master Gardeners Contribute to Our Community’s Vitality

**Demonstration Gardens**: Work outside in the fresh air and with other EMGs beautifying our community.

**Gardening Hotline**: Answer questions from the public via phone or email.

**Work with Children**: Nurture the next generation and help them develop an early interest and appreciation of plants at events or in the Junior Master Gardeners program.

**Public Garden Tour**: Educate tour visitors at EMG gardens at this biennial event. Next tour: spring of 2021.

**Presentations**: Deliver informational talks on a wide variety of horticulture topics to garden clubs, civic groups and community organizations through our Speakers’ Bureau.

**Give Back to Johnson County**: In 2019, the monetary value of the hours contributed by EMG volunteers was worth $1,235,000 in service — the equivalent of 23 full time paid staff!

Demonstration Gardens in Johnson County

The Johnson County Extension Master Gardeners have designed and maintain nine demonstration gardens located throughout the county.

**Blue Valley Wilderness Science Center**
5001 W. 163rd Terrace, Stilwell

**Deanna Rose Children’s Farmstead**
137th and Switzer, Overland Park

**Evergreen Hort Therapy Project**
11875 S. Sunset Drive, Olathe

**Garden Gallery**
11811 S. Sunset Drive, Olathe

**The Backyard Garden**
K-State Research and Extension Center - Olathe
35230 W. 135th Street, Olathe

**Monet Garden**
8909 W. 179th Street, Overland Park

**Shawnee Indian Mission**
3403 W. 53rd Street, Fairway

**Shawnee Town Gardens**
11501 W. 57th Street, Shawnee

**Wassmer Park**
67th Street & Roe Avenue, Prairie Village

**West Flanders Park**
55th St & Nieman Road, Shawnee